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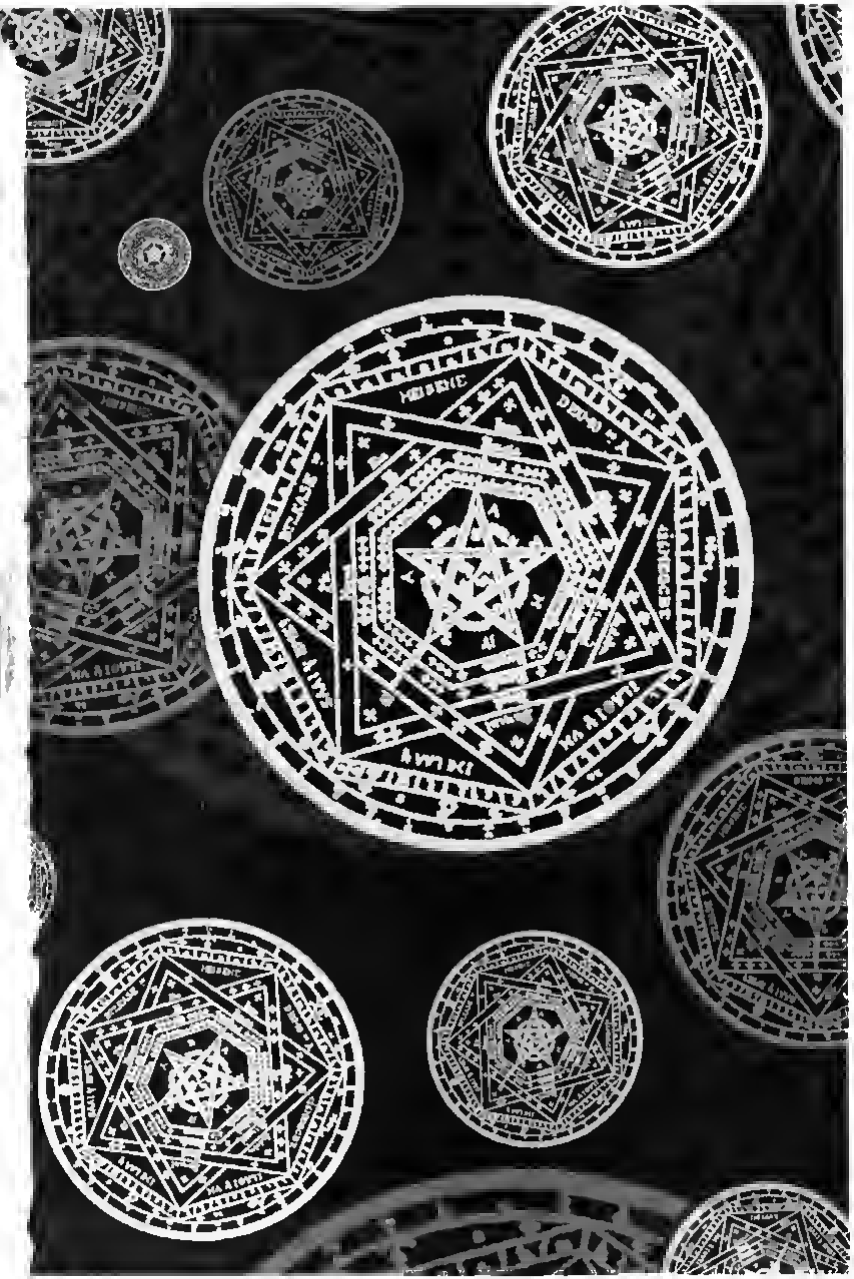

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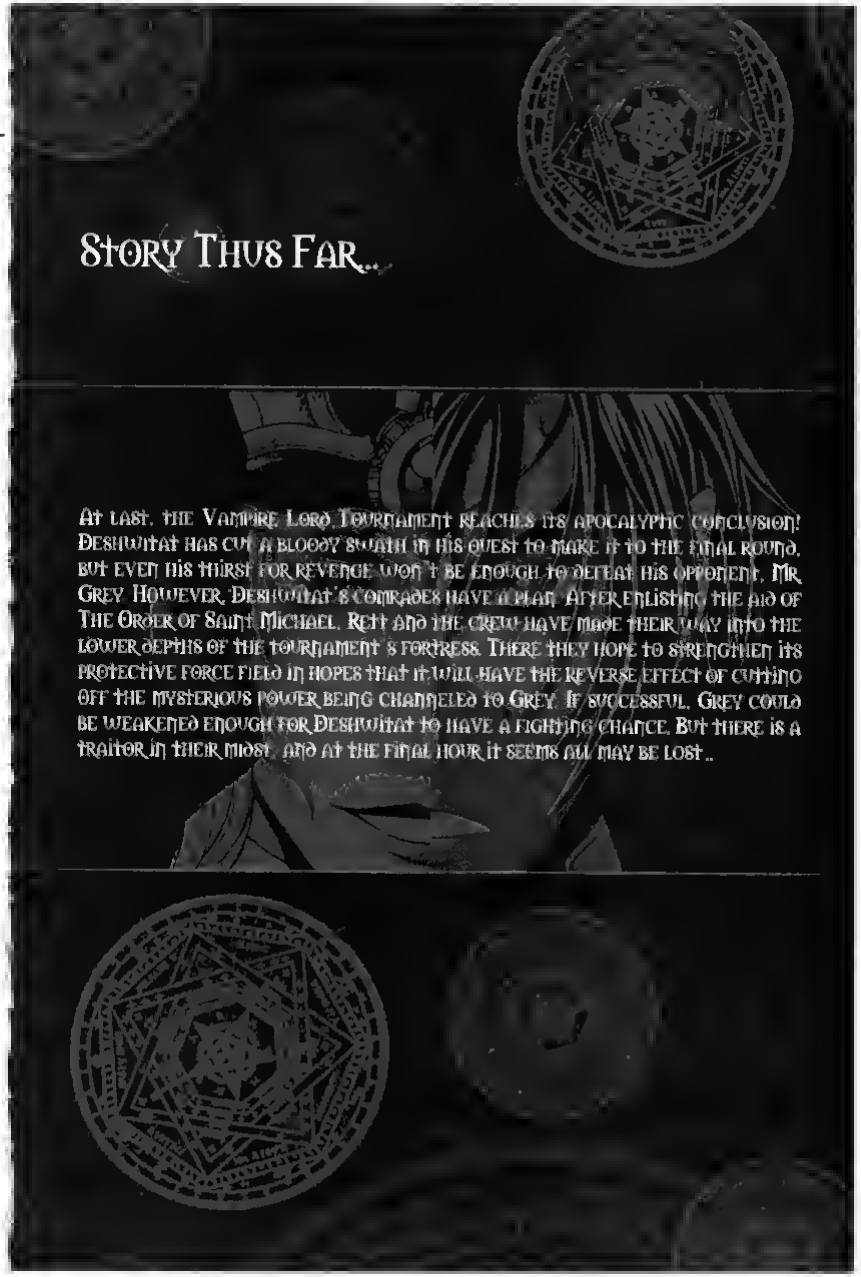
Story Thus Far...
At last, the Vampire Lord Tournament reaches its apocalyptic conclusion! Deshwitat has cut a bloody swath in his quest to make it to the final round, but even his thirst for revenge won't be enough to defeat his opponent, Mr. Grey. However, Deshwitat's comrades have a plan. After enlisting the aid of The Order of Saint Michael, Rett and the crew have made their way into the lower depths of the tournament's fortress. There they hope to strengthen its protective force field in hopes that it will have the reverse effect of cutting off the mysterious power being channeled to Grey. If successful, Grey could be weakened enough for Deshwitat to have a fighting chance. But there is a traitor in their midst, and at the final hour it seems all may be lost...

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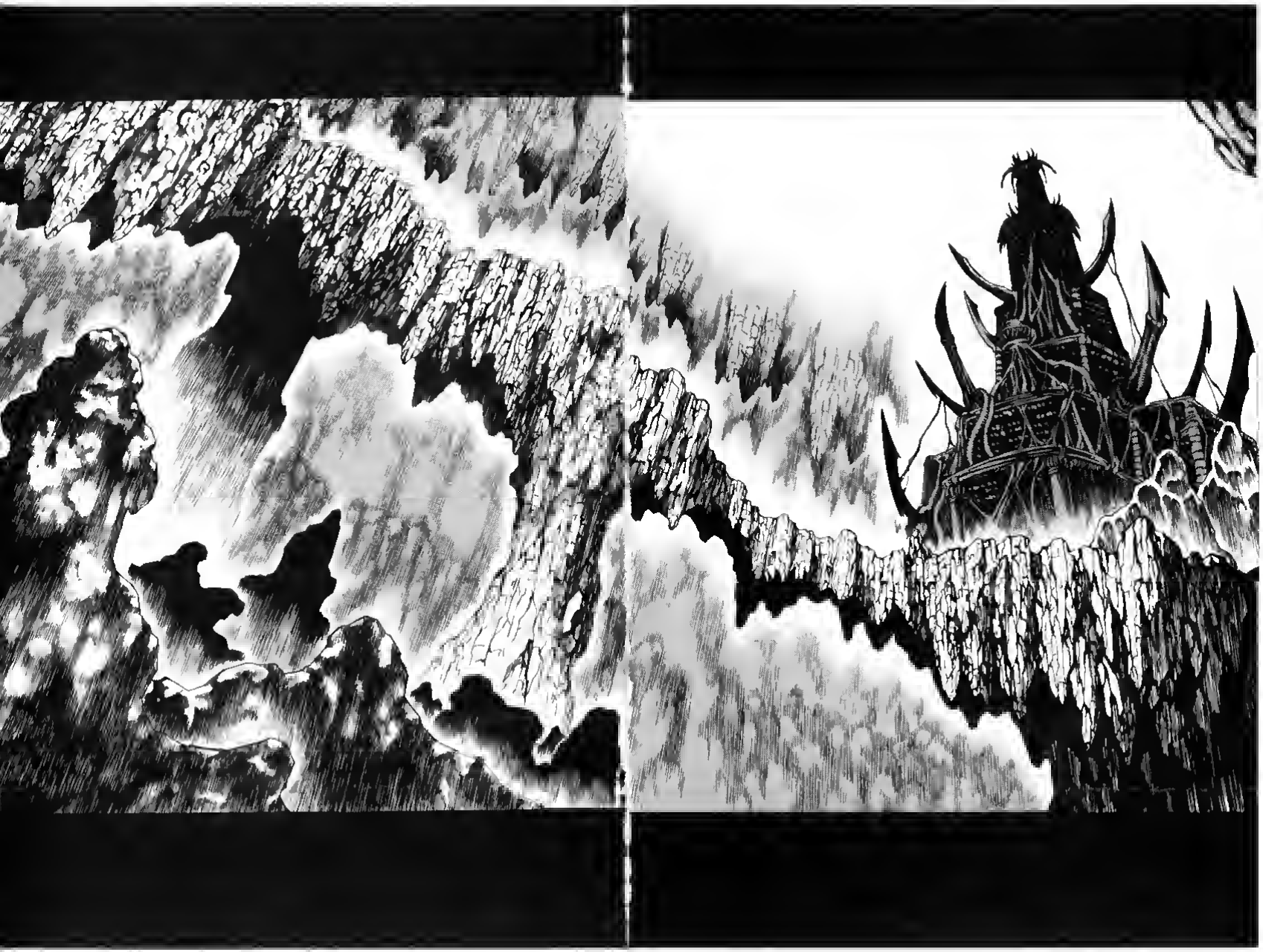

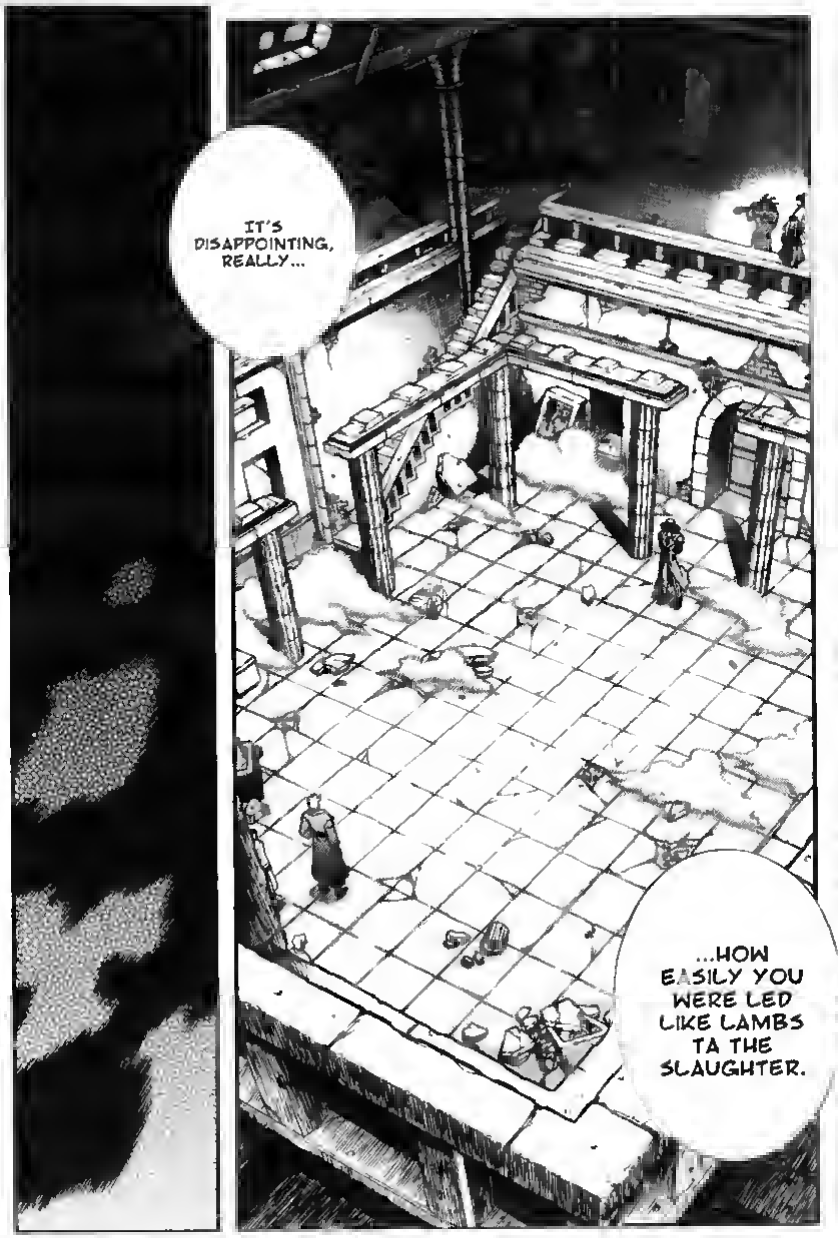
IT'S DISAPPOINTING, REALLY...
...HOW EASILY YOU WERE LED LIKE LAMBS TA THE SLAUGHTER.

I LIKE YA THOUGH, RETT, SO I'M GONNA GIVE YOU A LAST PIECE O' ADVICE. STAND DOWN
THESE VAMPS ARE WAY OUTTA YER LEAGUE YOU DO SUMTHIN' STUPID AND PISS 'EM OFF, YER DEATH WILL SEEM LIKE AN ETERNITY.
YOU CAN CRAM YOUR ADVICE SIDEWAYS, POPS.
YOU KNOW ME BETTER THAN THAT. LET'S STOP JERKIN' EACH OTHER AND GET DOWN TO BUSINESS, EH?

IT APPEARS YOUR YEARS HAVE NOT IMPARTED MUCH WISDOM, HELLRAISER. YOU'VE NO HOPE TO STAND AGAINST US.
YOUR UNYIELDING STUBBORN-NESS...
...HAS CONDEMNED YOUR COMRADES TO THE SAME FATE AS YOU!
FINALLY-- SOME ACTION!!
YAAAAAAAH!

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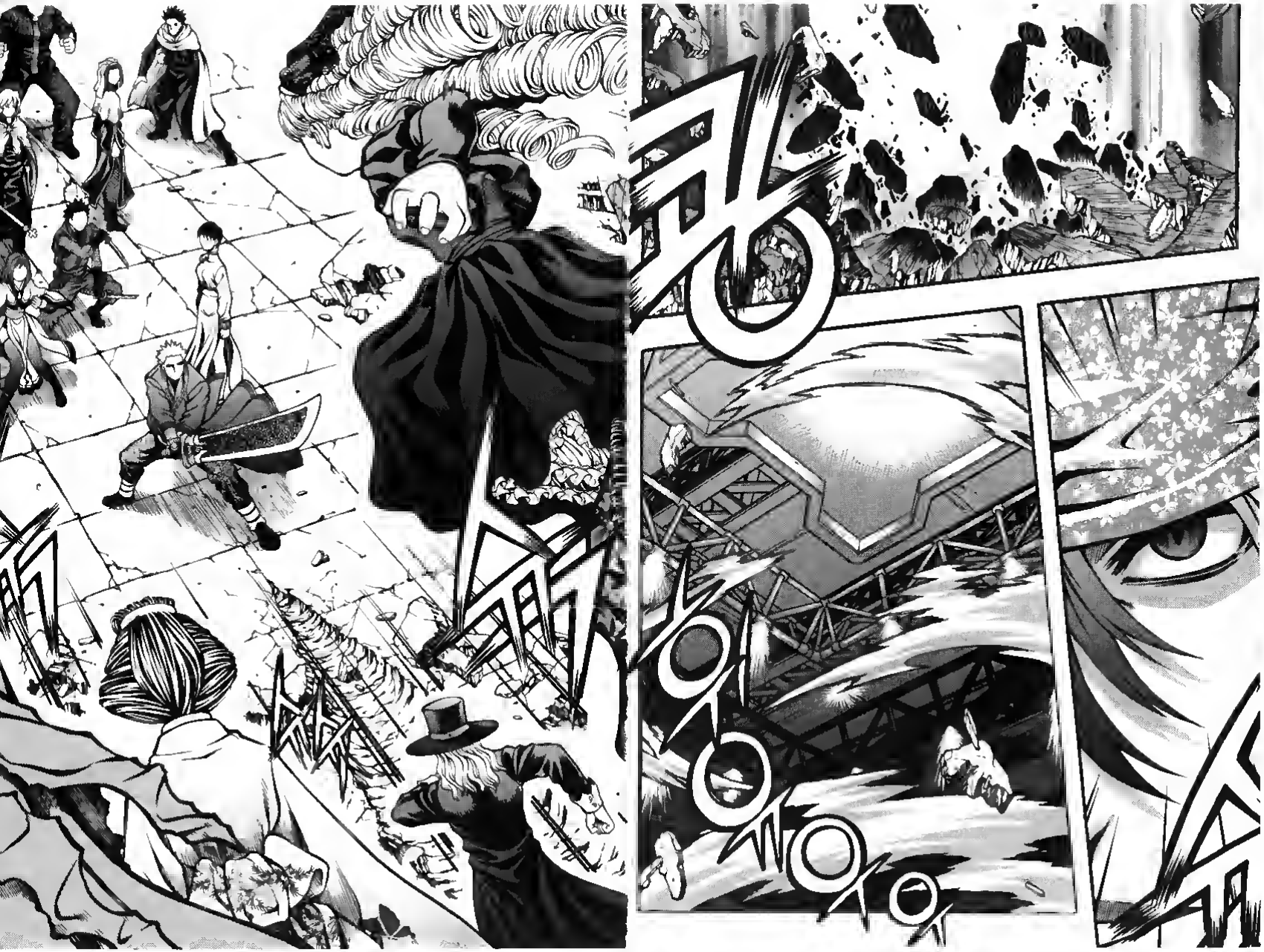
OF
OF

IMPRESSIVE... YOU POSSESS MORE POWER THAN YOU LET ON!

HOW VERY SAD, THEN...
...THAT IT STILL IS LESS THAN A FLICKERING EMBER BEFORE OUR RAGING INFERNO!

CRAP, SHE'S GONNA TALK US TO DEATH! BERYUN, I NEED YOUR HELP.

ALL RIGHT, KIDS... TIME TO PUT YOUR MONEY WHERE YOUR MOUTH IS!
YES, MASTER!
HEY, GOD SQUAD.. IF THE BIG GUY UPSTAIRS WAS EVER GOING TO GIVE US A LITTLE SUPPORT, NOW'D BE THE TIME!
AS THE LORD WILLS



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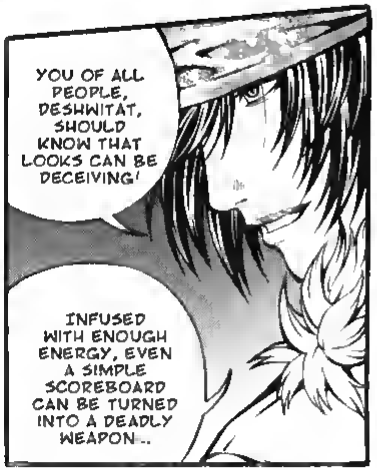
IS THIS THE BEST YOU HAVE?
COME DESHWITAT YOU AT LEAST MUST HOLD ON UNTIL YOUR FRIENDS ARE ABLE TO ASSIST YOU.
...NOT THAT THERE'S ANY CHANCE OF THAT.

THE SCOREBOARD, GREY?
FOR SOMEONE SO SURE OF VICTORY, THAT SEEMS A BIT DESPERATE


YOU OF ALL PEOPLE, DESHWITAT, SHOULD KNOW THAT LOOKS CAN BE DECEIVING!
INFUSED WITH ENOUGH ENERGY, EVEN A SIMPLE SCOREBOARD CAN BE TURNED INTO A DEADLY WEAPON...

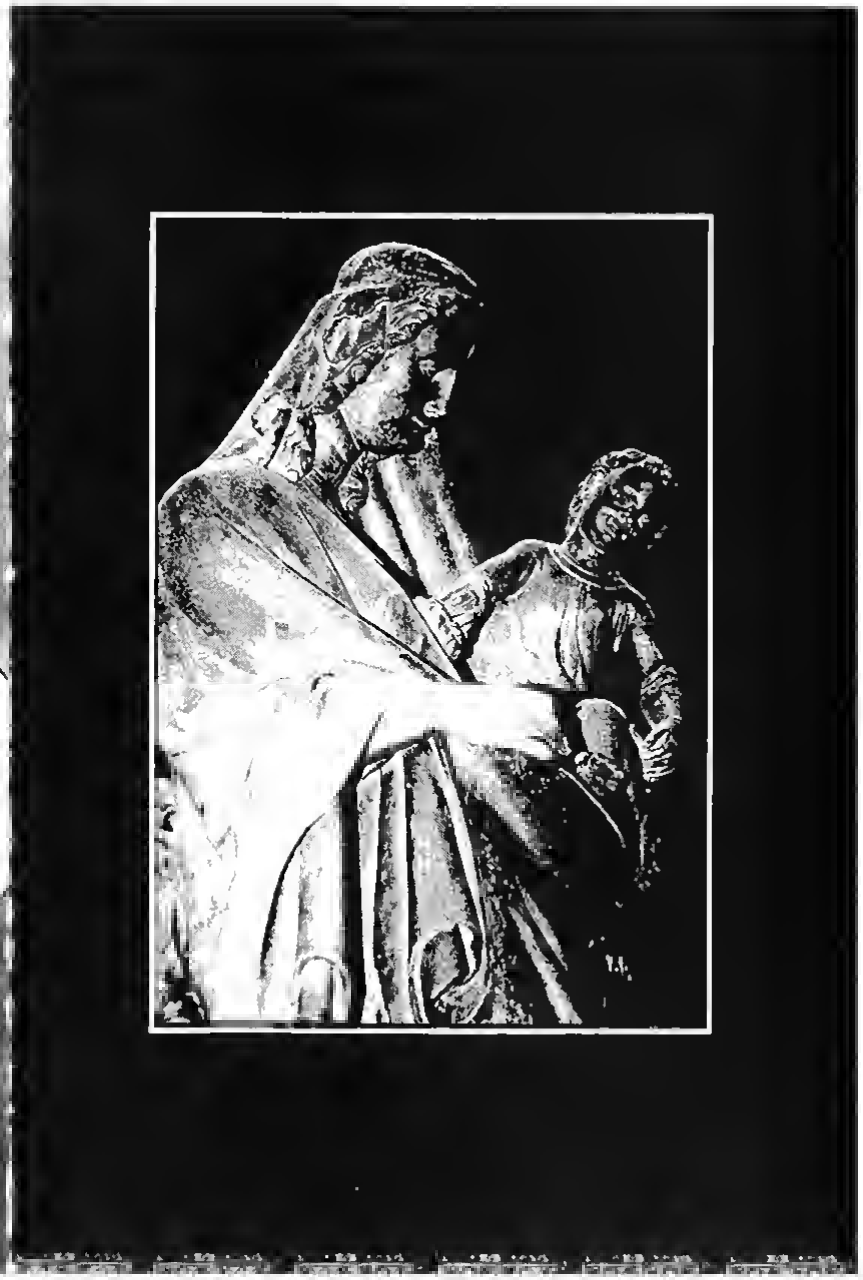
...AND LET'S BE HONEST...THERE'S SOMETHING TO BE SAID FOR A LITTLE DRAMATIC SHOWMANSHIP!

HE... HE COULDN'T BE DEAD, RIGHT...?! IF HE'S DEAD, WE'RE ALL DONE FOR!!
NO!!
NO! LOOK!
HMPH.

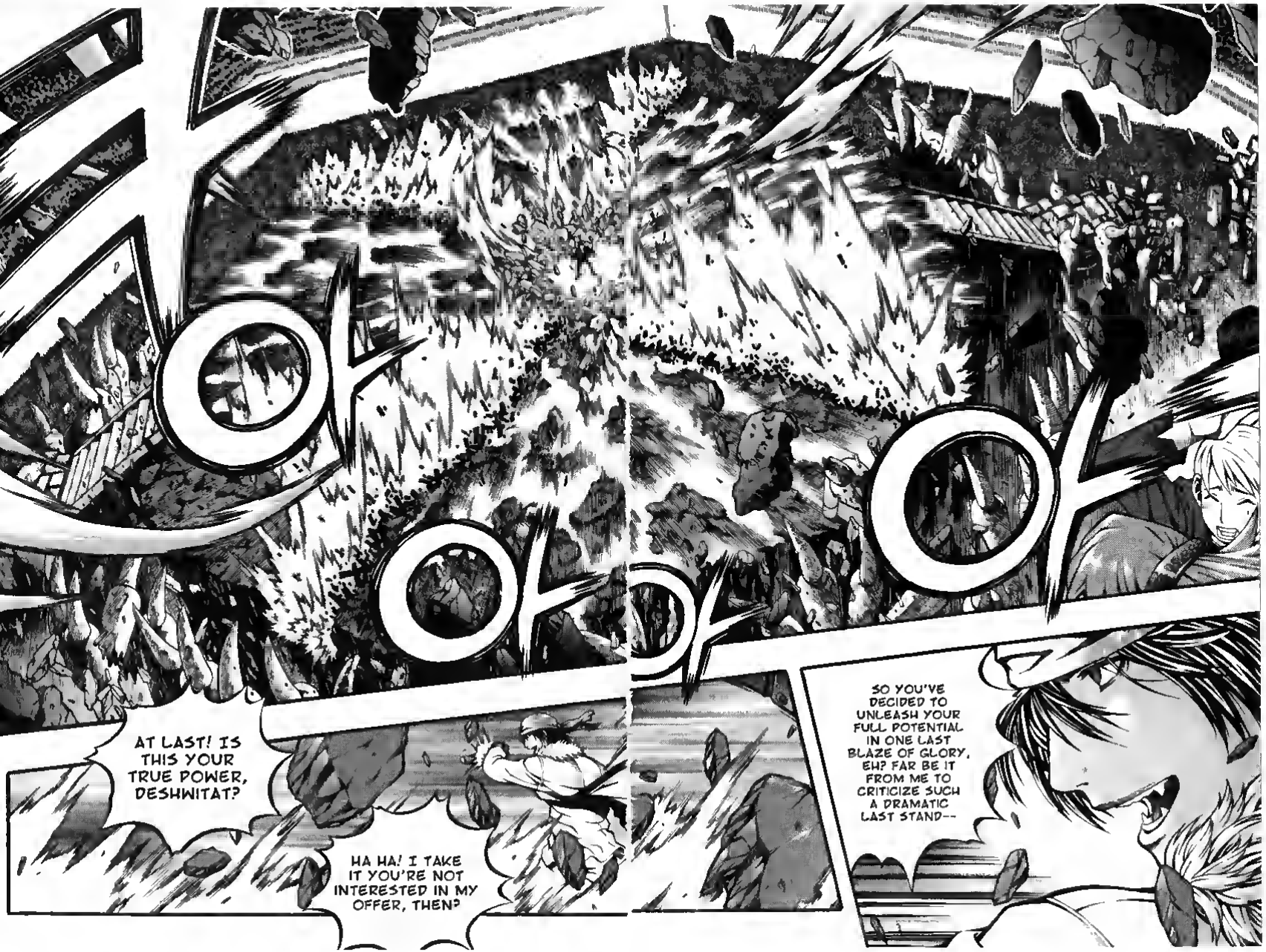
AH...I'M RELIEVED!
I WAS WORRIED THAT MIGHT BE ENOUGH TO FINISH YOU.
WHAT GAME ARE YOU PLAYING, GREY? I THOUGHT KILLING EACH OTHER WAS THE POINT!

THAT WAS THE PLAN... OF COURSE, NOT MINE.
YOU SEE, KILLING YOU WON'T SERVE MY PURPOSE NO, I HAVE TO TAKE YOU TO THE VERGE OF DEATH WITHOUT ACTUALLY PUSHING YOU OVER
MUCH MORE DIFFICULT, YOU SEE USE TOO MUCH POWER, AND I KILL YOU. NOT ENOUGH, AND THEY MIGHT REALIZE WHAT I'M UP TO IT'S A VERY DELICATE BALANCE.
OF COURSE, IF YOU WEREN'T PLAYING RIGHT INTO THEIR HANDS ON GOING ALL OUT, IT WOULD BE A BIT EASIER
WHY IS EVERY VAMPIRE I MEET IN LOVE WITH THE SOUND OF THEIR OWN DAMN VOICE?
WHAT THE HELL ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT, GREY?
CONSIDER MY OFFER, DESH IT'S REALLY YOUR ONLY CHOICE.
LET ME TAKE YOU TO THE VERGE OF DEATH. IF YOU DO, AND MY PREDICTION IS RIGHT.

TONIGHT... IN THIS STADIUM...
...THE HOLY MOTHER OF LIGHT WILL DESCEND!



LET ME TAKE YOU TO THE VERGE OF DEATH. IF YOU DO, AND MY PREDICTION IS RIGHT...
TONIGHT... IN THIS STADIUM... THE HOLY MOTHER OF LIGHT WILL DESCEND!
...HOLY MOTHER--?!
EH?
EH?
WHAT GIBBERISH IS THIS?!
WE'LL FIND OUT... TOGETHER!
SORRY, GREY...
...THE ONLY THING WE'LL BE DOING TOGETHER...IS GOING STRAIGHT TO HELL!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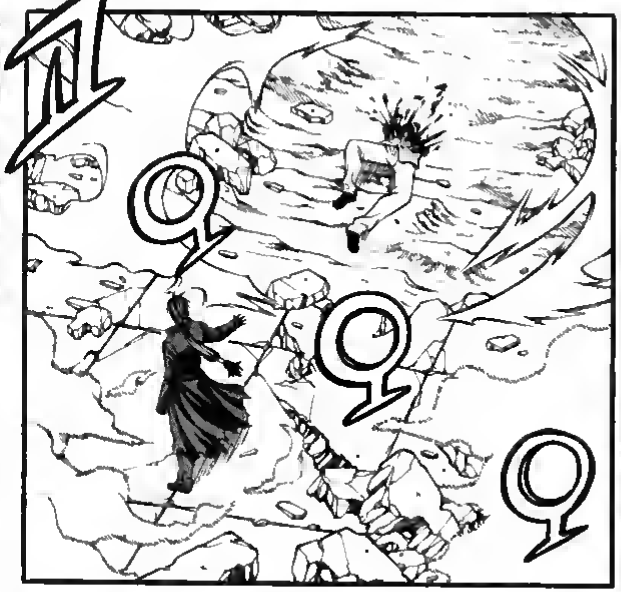
AT LAST! IS THIS YOUR TRUE POWER, DESHWITAT?
HA HA! I TAKE IT YOU'RE NOT INTERESTED IN MY OFFER, THEN?
SO YOU'VE DECIDED TO UNLEASH YOUR FULL POTENTIAL IN ONE LAST BLAZE OF GLORY, EH? FAR BE IT FROM ME TO CRITICIZE SUCH A DRAMATIC LAST STAND--

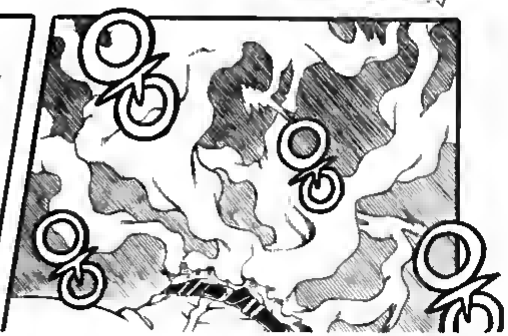
AHCK!
THAT... THAT ACTUALLY HURT ME...
..HUH?!
YOU TALK TOO MUCH.

AH!!
WAAH!!



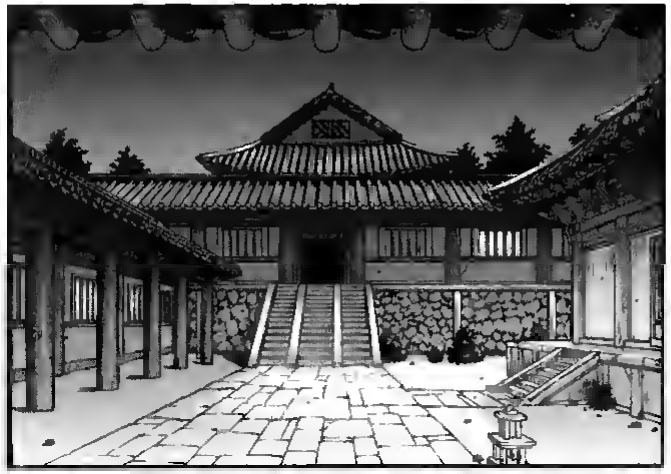
DID...DID HE WIN?! IS IT OVER?!
LOOK! GREY'S THERE.. WELL PART OF HIM!

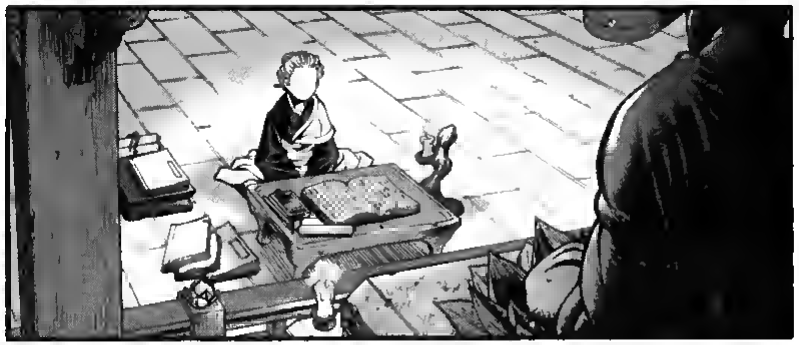
EVER THE SHOWMAN, EH, GREY?
DON'T YOU EVER TIRE OF PLAYING TO THE CROWD?



THANK YOU, DESHWITAT... FOR SHOWING ME YOUR TRUE POWER.
I'VE TAKEN YOUR MEASURE--AND NOW I KNOW EXACTLY HOW MUCH POWER I'LL NEED TO PUSH YOU TO THE EDGE OF DEATH'S ABYSS--

DO YOU EVER SHUT UP?





DARK STAR, WATER STAR, NEW STAR--
TONIGHT WHEN THE THREE STARS OF FATE CROSS--

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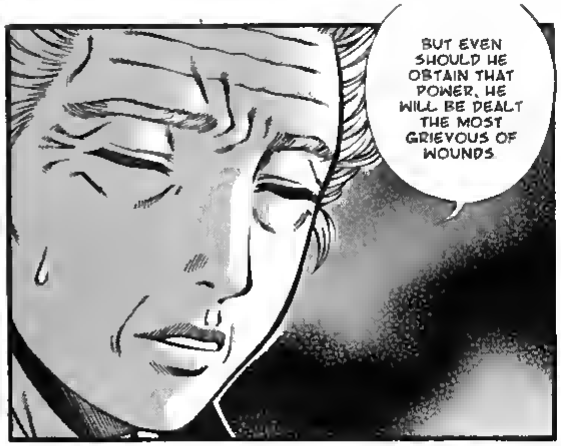
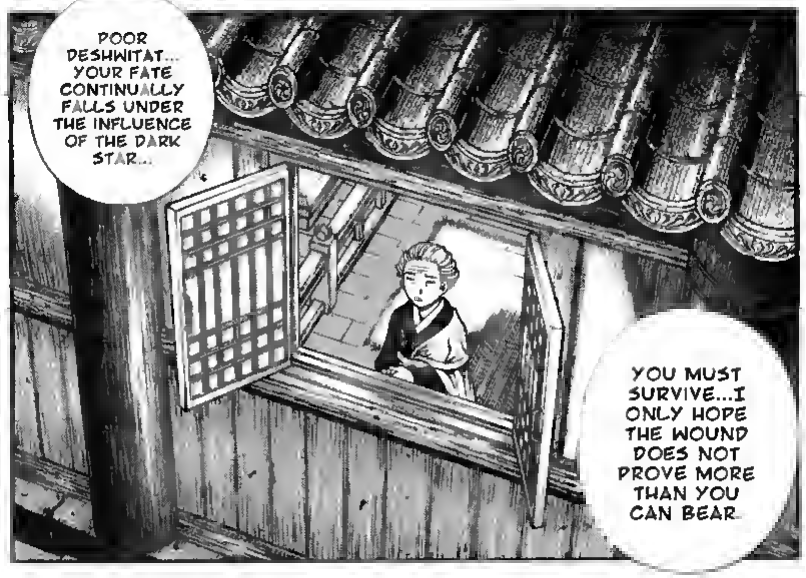
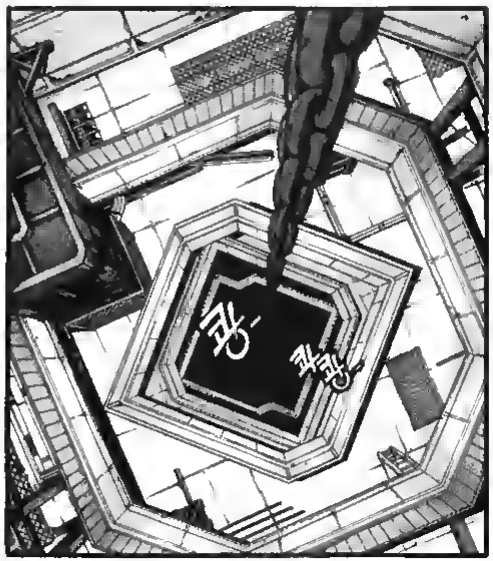
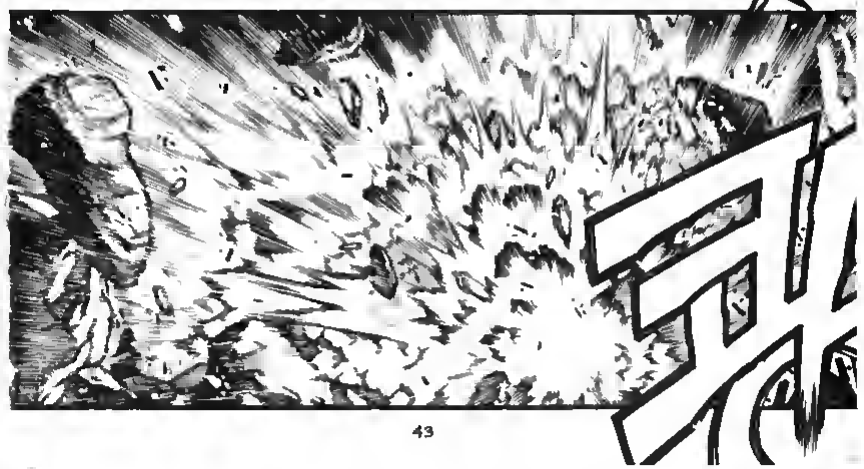
SIGN...
THE READING REMAINS THE SAME EITHER DESHWITAT LOSES HIS LIFE, OR HE WILL OBTAIN INCREDIBLE POWER


BUT EVEN SHOULD HE OBTAIN THAT POWER, HE WILL BE DEALT THE MOST GRIEVOUS OF WOUNDS


POOR DESHWITAT... YOUR FATE CONTINUALLY FALLS UNDER THE INFLUENCE OF THE DARK STAR...
YOU MUST SURVIVE...I ONLY HOPE THE WOUND DOES NOT PROVE MORE THAN YOU CAN BEAR



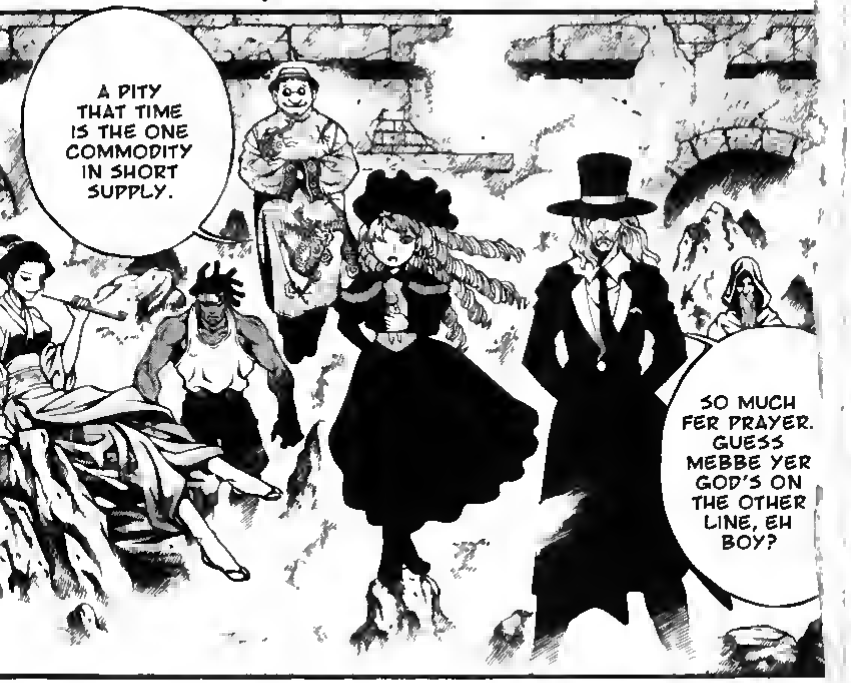


THIS IS GONNA BE A BIG ONE! HEY, GOD SQUAD... A LITTLE HELP?
I SHALL DEAL WITH THIS ABOMINATION!
GET BEHIND ME!
HOLY SHIELD!
KLOOB
UGH--! THIS ISN'T WORKING!
SLIPPERY BITCH! I NEED TO GET CLOSER!
YOU WANT TO GET CLOSER... TO THAT?!
PITIFUL HUMANS! YOU DARE TO CHALLENGE YOUR BETTERS?!

HAAHK!

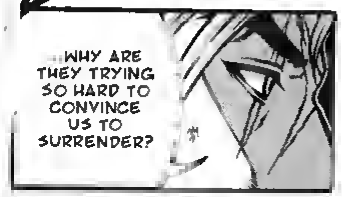
NO! HANS!!
FOOLISH BOY...
A HOLY SHIELD IS ONLY AS STRONG AS THE FAITH O' THE MAN THAT WIELDS IT GUESS YOU CAME UP A LITTLE SHORT EH?

NO NEED TO TAUNT THIS MEAT, DRAISTAN. A NEWBORN VAMPIRE COULD NOT STAND AGAINST HIM
GIVEN ENOUGH TIME, HIS FAITH MIGHT BE STRONG ENOUGH TO SUSTAIN HIM.


A PITY THAT TIME IS THE ONE COMMODITY IN SHORT SUPPLY.
SO MUCH FER PRAYER. GUESS MEBBE YER GOD'S ON THE OTHER LINE, EH BOY?

Y'KNOW, IT'S BEEN ABOUT A HALF HOUR SINCE GREY AND DESHWITAT STARTED THEIR TUSSLE...
30 MINUTES... I DOUBT YER GREAT WHITE HOPE'S EVEN STILL ALIVE.

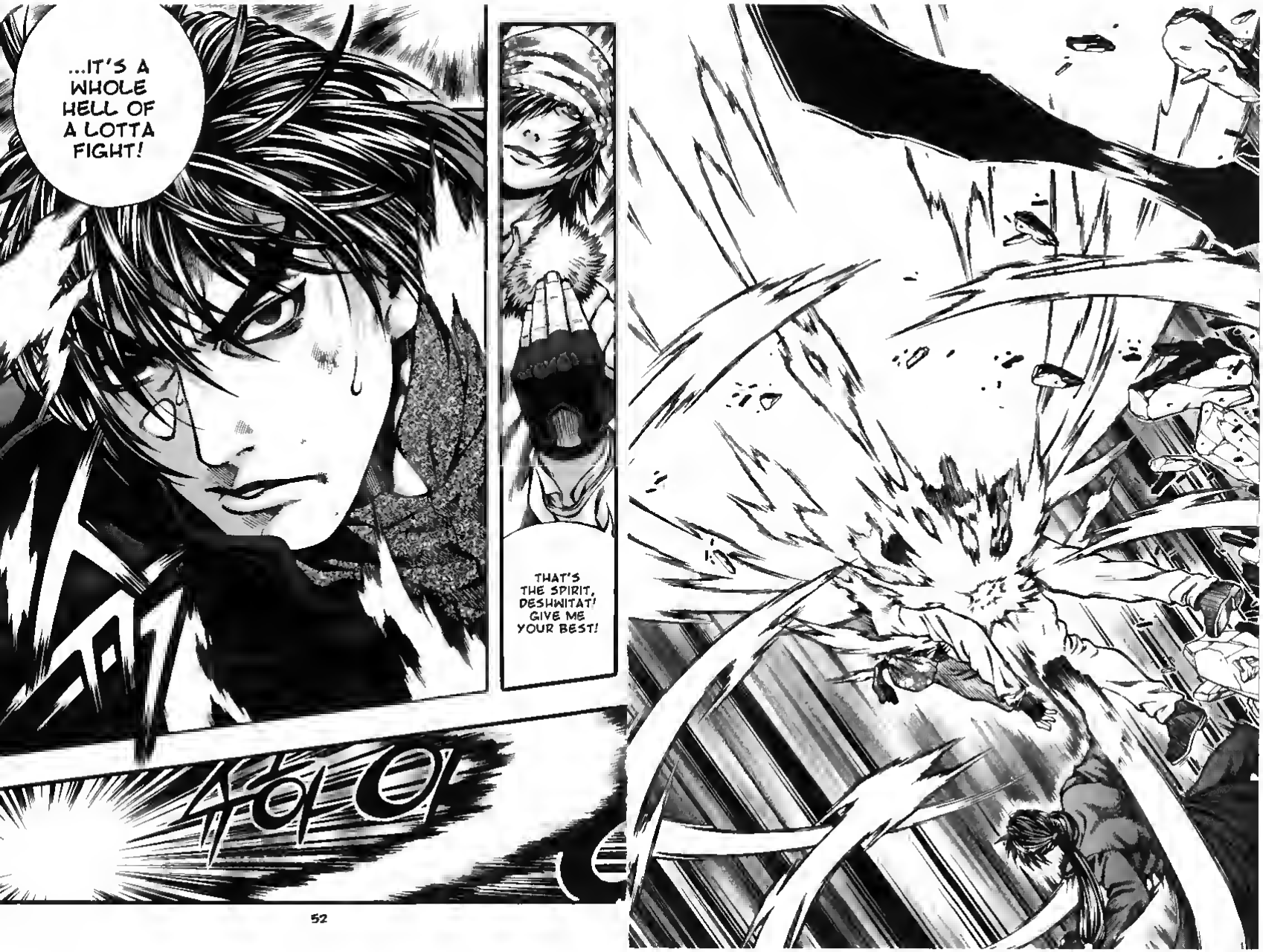
YOU FILTHY TRAITOR! I'LL--
CALM DOWN, EIJI! THAT'S WHAT HE WANTS.
HE'S TAUNTING US. TRYING TO MAKE US RUSH IN, GET SLOPPY, MAKE MISTAKES
ALL HE'S DONE IS OVERPLAY HIS HAND IF WE'RE SO WEAK AND SO LITTLE A THREAT...


...WHY ARE THEY TRYING SO HARD TO CONVINCE US TO SURRENDER?

COME NOW, MORTALS..
...SURELY YOU CANNOT HOPE TO PREVAIL AGAINST US

BUT RETT. EVEN IF YOU'RE RIGHT, EVERY SECOND WE'RE FIGHTING THEM, DESH COULD LOSE.

I KNOW DESH BETTER'N ANY OF YOU. HE WON'T GO DOWN SO EASILY.
HAVE A LITTLE FAITH, REMI! IF THERE'S ONE THING THAT BLOODY BASTARD HAS IN SPADES...


...IT'S A WHOLE HELL OF A LOTTA FIGHT!
THAT'S THE SPIRIT, DESHWITAT! GIVE ME YOUR BEST!

KICK HIS ASS! KILL HIM!
AMAZING! I'VE BEEN COMING TO THE V L T FOR YEARS, AND IT'S NEVER BEEN LIKE THIS!
.....
THAT'S BECAUSE THE FIGHT IS NOT BETWEEN TWO VAMPIRES...
...BUT RATHER, BETWEEN TWO DEMONS WITH UNKNOWABLE POWER!

I KNEW FROM THE BEGINNING THAT GREY WAS POWERFUL...
...BUT FOR DESHWITAT TO STAND AGAINST HIM FOR SO LONG...

IT'S NOT THAT HE WAS HOLDING BACK BEFORE. HE FOUGHT WITH HIS FULL STRENGTH DURING THE PRELIMINARY MATCHES
HE'S DRAWING ON HIS VERY LIFE FORCE FOR THE POWER HE NEEDS!

LIKE...LIKE A CANDLE RIGHT BEFORE GETTING SNUFFED OUT!

HOW LONG CAN HE KEEP GOING?
I'VE NEVER SEEN ANYTHING LIKE IT.

ALTHOUGH IT SEEMS THEY ARE EVENLY MATCHED AT THE MOMENT...

SOONER OR LATER, HIS FLAME WILL START TO FLICKER... AND THEN...
...THERE'S A LIMIT TO HOW LONG HE CAN DRAW UPON HIS LIFE FORCE TO SUSTAIN HIM.

CHAPTER 80:
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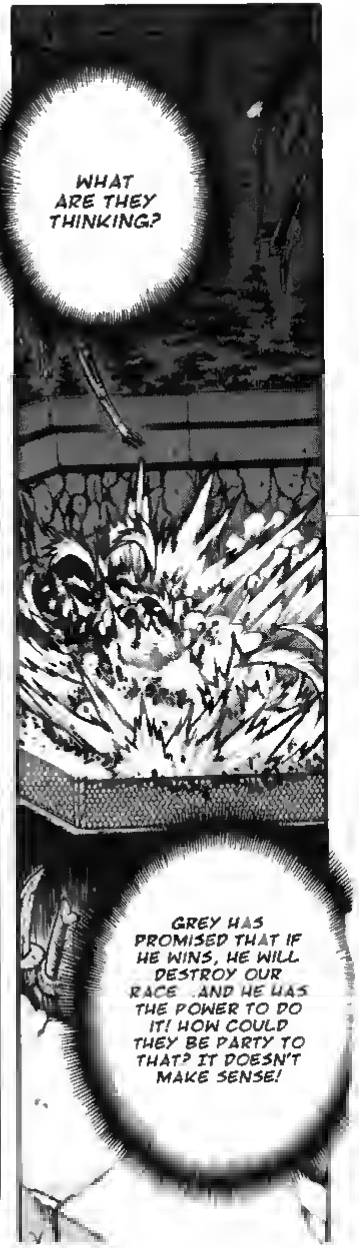
"IN THE FINAL MATCH, THERE MAY BE MANY THINGS THAT HAPPEN THAT COULD NOT BE FORESEEN..."
"REST ASSURED, EVERYTHING WILL PROCEED AS IT WAS MEANT TO BE. LET THE MATCH CONTINUE, NO MATTER WHAT HAPPENS."

"MEANT TO BE..." DOES THAT MEAN ALL OF THIS WAS PLANNED BY THE ELDER COUNCIL?


WHAT ARE THEY THINKING?
GREY HAS PROMISED THAT IF HE WINS, HE WILL DESTROY OUR RACE. AND HE HAS THE POWER TO DO IT! HOW COULD THEY BE PARTY TO THAT? IT DOESN'T MAKE SENSE!

UNLESS...
...THE COUNCIL IS UNDER THE INFLUENCE OF SOMEONE ELSE?

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NICE MOVE, DESHWITAT QUICK.
...?!
YOU'RE QUITE SPRY... FOR A MAN SO NEAR THE END!
...WHAT...?!!

KUK!!
URG..?!

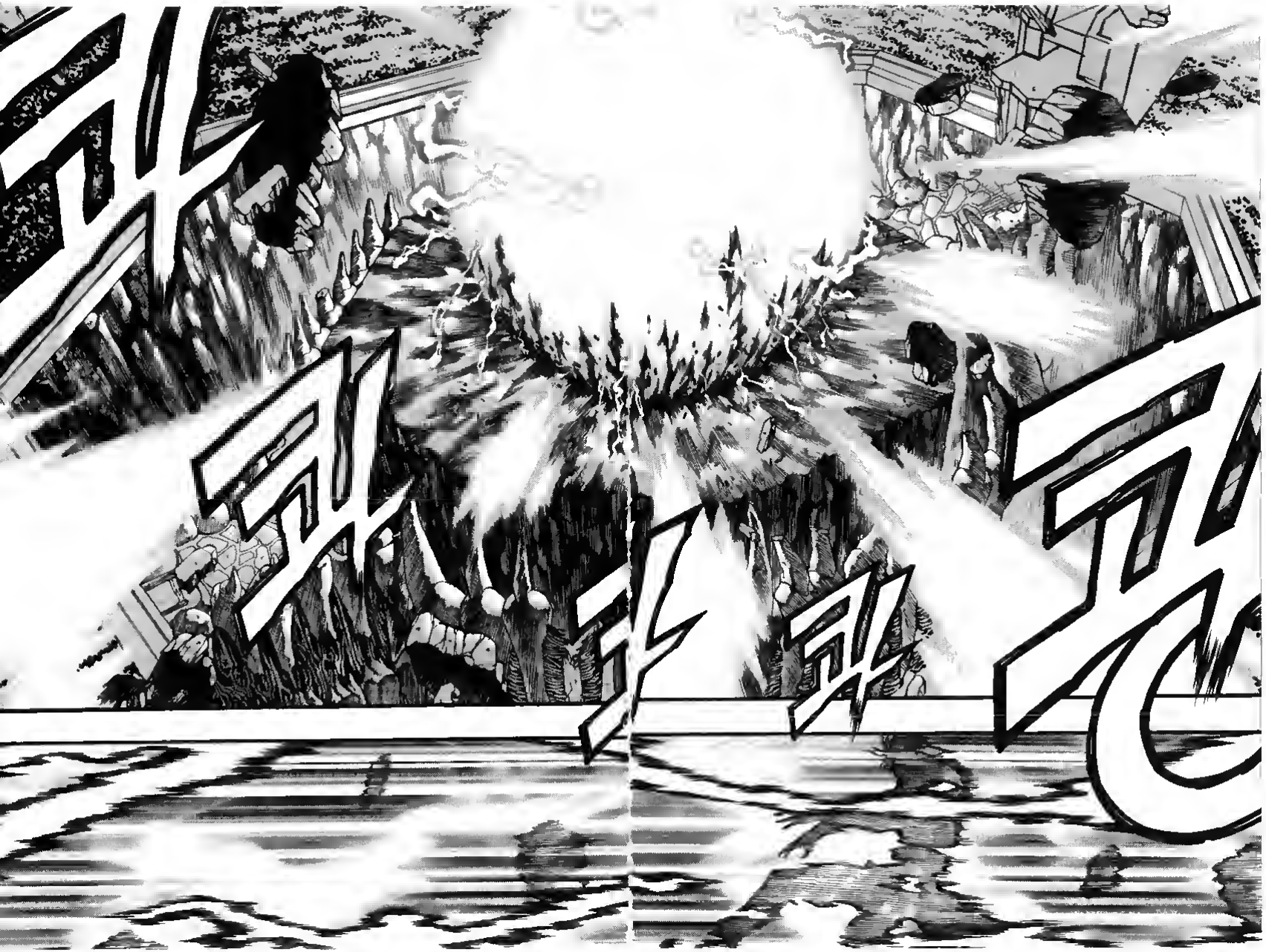
NO!
THE FLAME BEGINS TO FLICKER...
UGH!
AGH!
I'M IMPRESSED! THAT BLOW SHOULD HAVE PULVERIZED YOUR CHEST
YET SOMEHOW YOU SHUNTED THE DAMAGE TO JUST ONE LIMB
GUESS I CAN TURN UP THE POWER A BIT MORE THEN, EH?

..KU..
..KCCCGHK...?!
KAFF!
.....

GA HK!
HAAHGHK!
쿠웅
HURG...
GUH...
UGH...
HUH...
HUH...
FFCCCCCH

...IT'S OVER...!
NO! THIS CAN'T BE!
AAAH!
LET'S... LET'S RUN!!
OPEN!!
WAAH!
AHH!!
GAAAH!
NOW I SEEM TO REMEMBER SAYING THAT ONE OF THE RULES WAS THAT NO ONE LEAVE THE STADIUM
YOU'LL ALL BE DEAD SOON ENOUGH DON'T YOU WANT TO AT LEAST FINISH THE SHOW?
HE MAINTAINS A WATCH ON THE CROWD— HIS FULL ATTENTION ISN'T EVEN ON HIS OPPONENT!
HOW MUCH POWER DOES GREY TRULY HAVE?

NOW... WHERE WERE WE? OH YES..!
I KNOW I'VE SAID THIS BEFORE, BUT LET ME REITERATE I'M NOT GOING TO KILL YOU
SHUT... UP!!
...BUT I NEVER SAID IT WOULDN'T HURT.



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HAARGH!
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I GOTTA TELL YA, THOUGH...
...IF THE STORIES ARE TRUE...
...WHAT COMES NEXT IS GOING TO HURT A LOT WORSE!
Chapter 81:
Change of Plans

AGH!
URG!!

URRF!
MR. BUTLER...
WHO WOULD HAVE THOUGHT A DRUNKEN, LECHEROUS REPROBATE COULD TURN SUCH A RAGTAG GROUP INTO A FORMIDABLE FIGHTING FORCE?
STILL, ONCE I KILL YOU...
...I IMAGINE ALL THE FIGHT WILL LEAVE YOUR COMRADES RATHER QUICKLY, HMM?
YOU DAMNABLE LITTLE BITCH...!
1000 YEARS OLD OR NOT, I'M GOING TO PUT YOU OVER MY KNEE AND TAN THAT LITTLE ASS OF YOURS WITH THE FLAT OF MY BLADE!
HM!
DEATH SIGNATURE!!
IN HIS SPIRIT'S PAIN YOU SHALL TOIL...

SCREAM...
...THE SOUL WILL BURN AND BLOOD WILL BOIL!
YEEE EEEE AAAA AAAH HHHH HHHR RGG HH!!!
HA HA HA HA! WHERE IS YOUR BRAVADO NOW, BUTLER?
NOT SO TOUGH WHEN YOUR EVERY NERVE ENDING IS SCORCHED BY HELLFIRE, EH!
KY-AH!
OH!

URG...?!
EH
MASTER!
I DID IT!
REMI, LOOK OUT!
...HUH...?
KY-AK!!
FORWARD!
DEFEND THEM WITH YOUR LIVES IF NECESSARY!

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...KUH...

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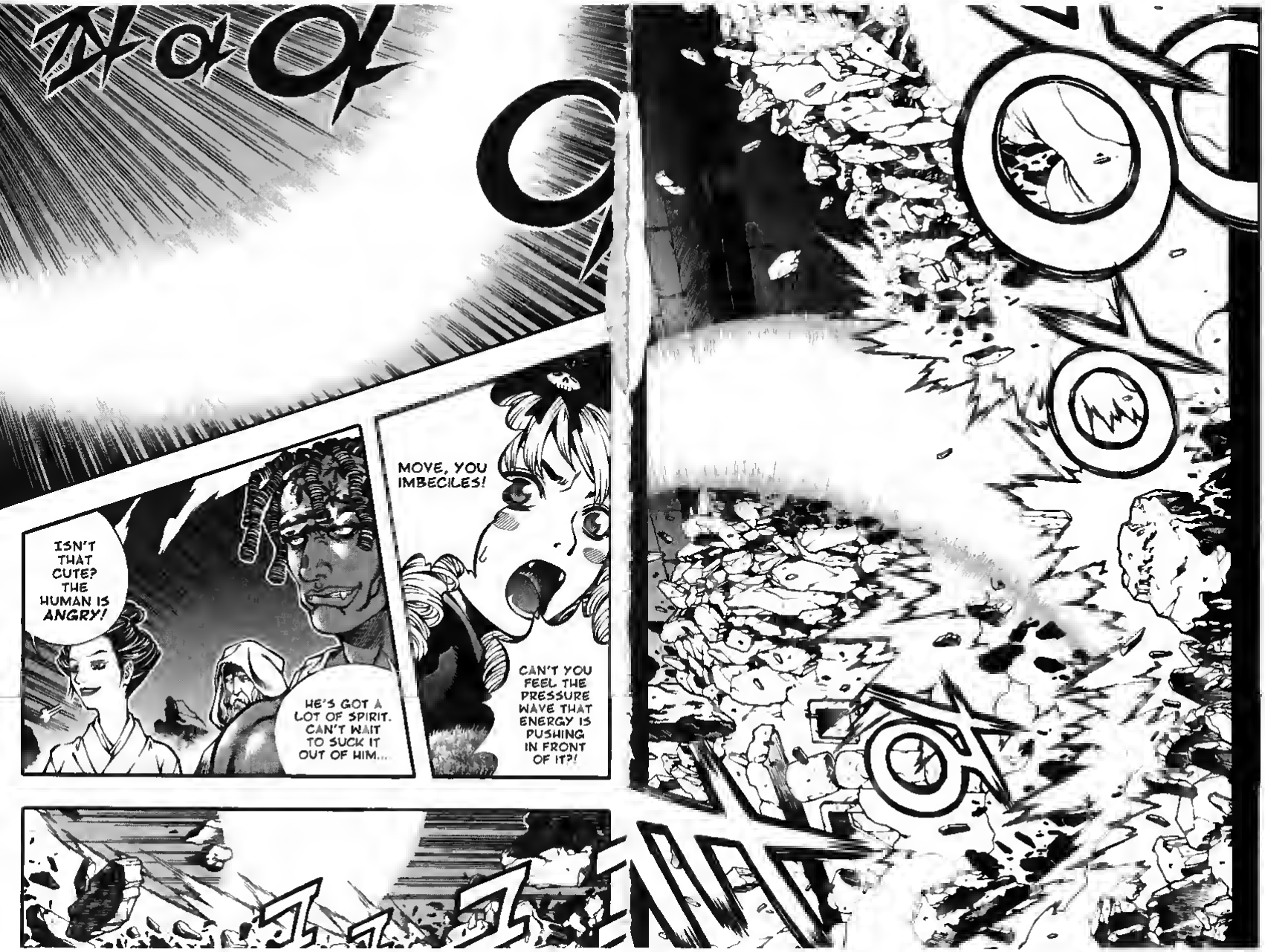
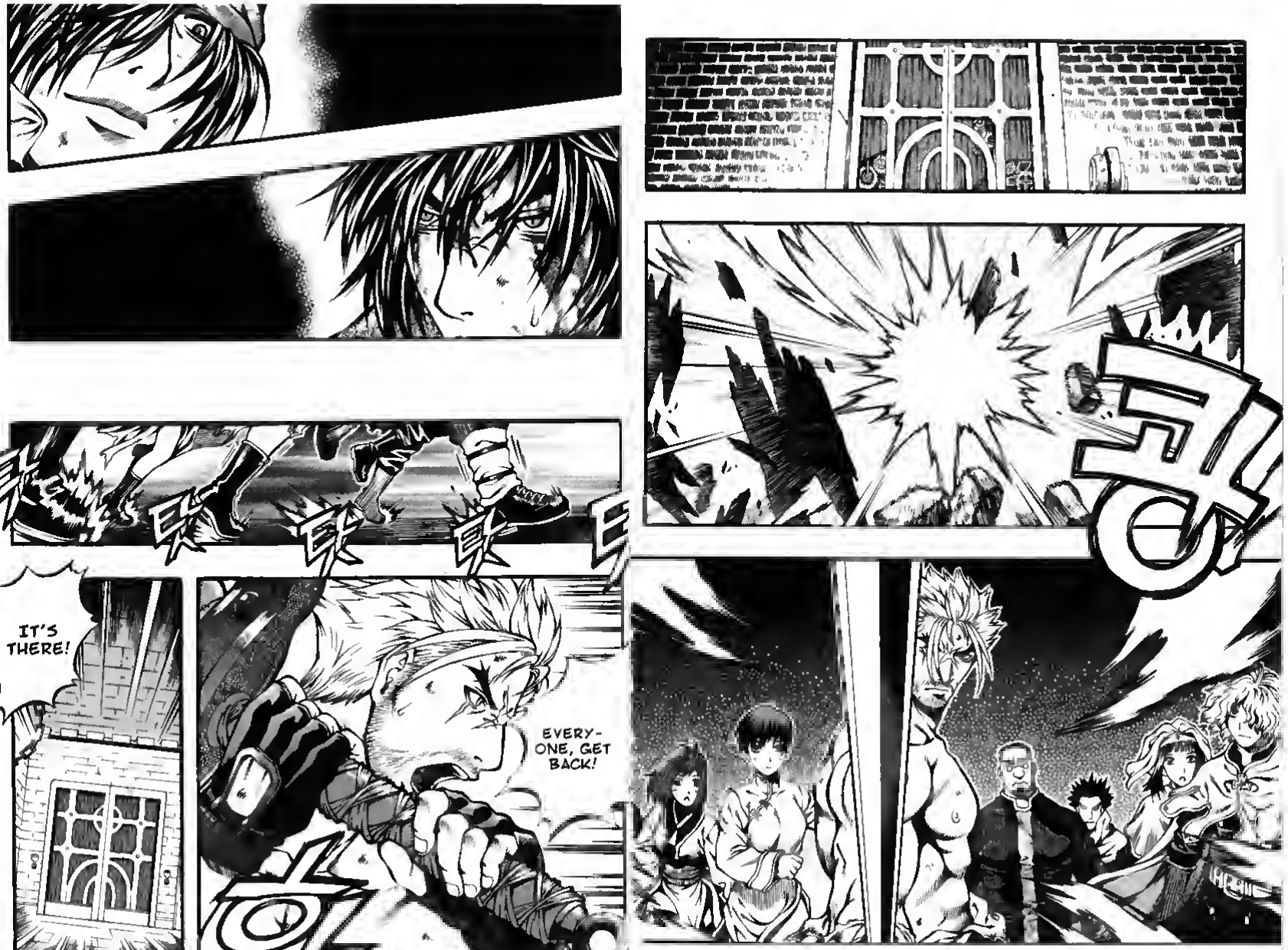
OH, YOU'VE DONE IT NOW, YOU BASTARDS!
YOU'VE REALLY PISSED ME OFF!
REMEMBER, YOU ASKED FOR THIS...
TORNADO BLADE!


MOVE, YOU IMBECILES!
CAN'T YOU FEEL THE PRESSURE WAVE THAT ENERGY IS PUSHING IN FRONT OF IT?!
ISN'T THAT CUTE? THE HUMAN IS ANGRY!
HE'S GOT A LOT OF SPIRIT. CAN'T WAIT TO SUCK IT OUT OF HIM...

RRRR
WHAT? EVERYTHING IS GOING AS PLANNED HERE.
WHY ARE YOU--?
YES...
THEY ARE STRONGER THAN I THOUGHT, BUT STILL NO MATCH FOR US!
FINE. SAY IT.
WHAT... WHAT DID YOU SAY?
WHAT?! HOW CAN YOU... NO...IF THAT IS WHAT YOU WANT..
..THEN I HAVE NO CHOICE BUT TO OBEY.
ROO!
... UNGH ...

WHAT IS IT, HEAD ELDER?
WE ARE TO STAND DOWN AND WITHDRAW.
WHAT..?
WE TAKE OUR LEAVE OF YOU, HUMANS
WHAT YOU DO WITH THE PROTECTIVE SOURCE IS UP TO YOU.
HUH?
HEY... LOOK. WHAT IS THIS...
UM...SO, WHAT JUST HAPPENED?
HOW SHOULD I KNOW?
THINK ABOUT IT LATER!
WHAT MATTERS RIGHT NOW IS THAT WE STRENGTHEN THE PROTECTIVE SOURCE! DESH CAN'T HOLD OUT MUCH LONGER!
LET'S GO! HURRY!!
YES!

EH
STOP MOPING AND GET UP, DESHWITAT.
THINGS WILL BE SO MUCH EASIER FOR YOU ONCE YOU ACCEPT YOU'RE ALWAYS GOING TO BE A PAWN IN SOMEONE ELSE'S GAME.
HURG...
HURG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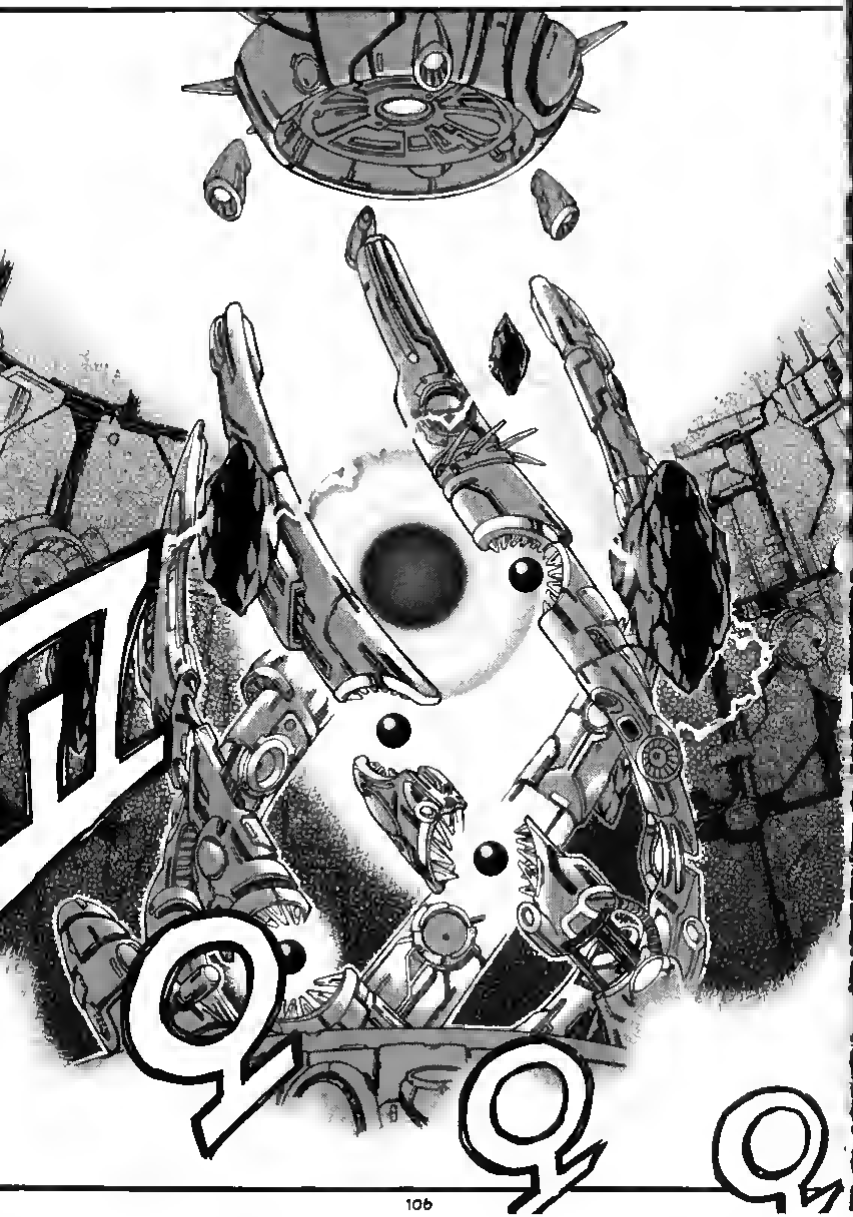
IT'S THERE!
EVERY-ONE, GET BACK!



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UH.. I'M GOING TO GO OUT ON A LIMB HERE AND SAY THIS IS IT!

ALL RIGHT, HOLY JOE ..YOU'RE ON. YOU CAN DO THIS, RIGHT? STRENGTHEN THE SOURCE?
I NEED TO KNOW WHAT I'M DEALING WITH, FIRST.
ERICA, IF YOU PLEASE.
YES...
JUDGING BY THE CONFIGURATION AND THE FREQUENCY AND WAVELENGTH...
..THIS PARTICULAR PROTECTIVE SOURCE IS THE LATE MODEL CHROMAGUS PROTECTIVE SOURCE, TYPE B
WE MUST FOCUS OUR SPIRITUAL POWER THROUGH THE PHASE GENERATOR AT THE BASE, CONSTRICTING THE FLOW OF DARKNESS INTO A COHESIVE BEAM THAT FLOWS ONLY WHERE WE DIRECT IT.
IT WILL TAKE ALL OUR STRENGTH...
..BUT IF WE ARE SUCCESSFUL, ITS STRENGTH SHOULD BE INCREASED TENFOLD.
GOOD. TAKE YOUR POSITIONS, MY BROTHERS.
LORD WILLING
LORD WILLING

OUR FATHER WHICH ART IN HEAVEN... HALLOWED BE THY NAME...

THY KINGDOM COME. THY WILL BE DONE, ON EARTH AS IT IS IN HEAVEN ..
YES LORD

ALL RIGHT, GOD SQUAD!
'BOUT TIME THE MAN UPSTAIRS TOOK TIME FROM HIS BUSY SCHEDULE TO KICK A LITTLE ASS!

YOUR BLASPHEMY NOT WITH-STANDING, RETT...WE MAY ALREADY BE TOO LATE

HUH? WHAT DO YOU MEAN, BERYUN?

FOR SOME TIME NOW, DESHWITAT'S ENERGY HAS BEEN WANING
HE HAS NOT PASSED ON, BUT LIES ON THE VERY EDGE OF OBLIVION. I FEAR IN HIS CURRENT CONDITION, FIGHTING MAY BE IMPOSSIBLE.

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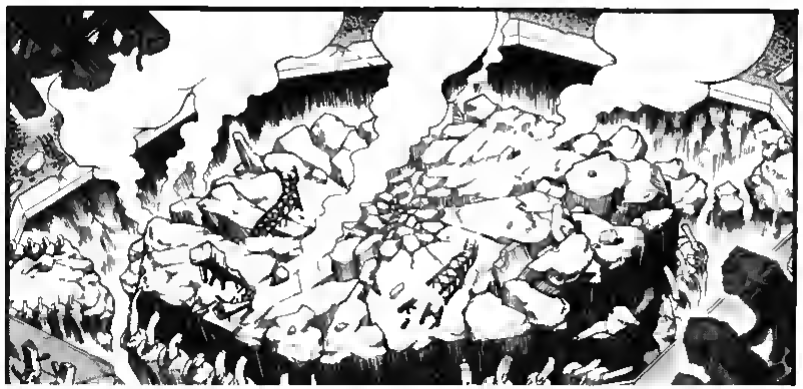
MAYBE...
BUT WE GOT A JOB TO DO, SO LET'S FOCUS ON THAT, AND TRUST DESH WILL FIND A WAY TO DO HIS PART.



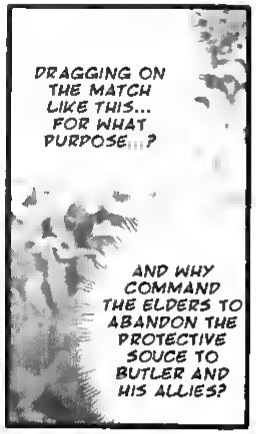
WHAT IS THIS? WHAT'S GOING ON...?
HE'S TOYING WITH HIM... WITH US! WHY WON'T HE END IT?
SHUT UP. YOU MORON' ONCE DESHWITAT GOES, SO DO WE! IS THAT WHAT YOU WANT?

IT DOESN'T MAKE SENSE...
WHAT IS GREY WAITING FOR?

WHAT IS HAPPENING? REPORT!
AH! HEAD ELDER!

GREY'S BEEN STANDING OVER HIM SEVERAL MINUTES NOW.
HE COULD END THE MATCH ANYTIME HE PLEASES, BUT..

"...ANYTIME HE PLEASES..."
IF GREY WANTED TO, HE COULD HAVE KILLED DESHWITAT MERE SECONDS INTO THE MATCH...


DRAGGING ON THE MATCH LIKE THIS... FOR WHAT PURPOSE...?
AND WHY COMMAND THE ELDERS TO ABANDON THE PROTECTIVE SOUCE TO BUTLER AND HIS ALLIES?

GREY SERVES KALUTIKA MAYBUS. THE GOD OF LIGHT. KALUTIKA'S COMMAND WAS TO ASCEND TO THE VAMPIRE THRONE. THEN DESTROY THE VAMPIRE RACE...
WHAT COULD HE BE WAITING FOR?

WHAT ARE YOUR TRUE INTENTIONS, GREY?

THAT'S RIGHT, DESHWITAT... STRUGGLE ON!

YOUR BODY FAILS YOU, BUT STILL YOU PRESS ON SUCH DETERMINATION AND FOR WHAT?
HATRED, WRATH, PERHAPS LOVE—BUT IN THE END NONE OF IT WAS ENOUGH. WAS IT?

BUT STILL YOU FIGHT ON.

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HEH...
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HEH HEH HEH...
YOU WANNA... KNOW... THE REASON...?
REASON WHY I'M FIGHTING...?

I FOUGHT... FOR LOVE ONCE...
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ONCE, I CLOAKED MYSELF ..IN WRATH AND ANGER... AND THAT WAS MY POWER...

...BUT...
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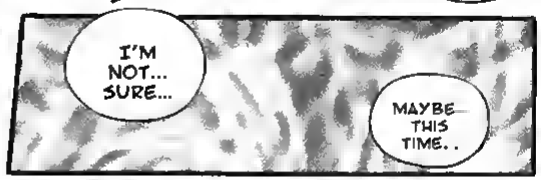
...RIGHT NOW... WHAT AM I FIGHTING FOR?


I'M NOT... SURE...
MAYBE... THIS TIME..

I DON'T FIGHT FOR... MYSELF...
...BUT...

...FOR MY FRIENDS... WHO FIGHT FOR ME!
AN EPIPHANY AT THE END OF LIFE HOW DROLL.
DID YOU GET IN TOUCH WITH YOUR FEELINGS NOW THAT YOU'RE ABOUT TO DIE?
KISS MY ASS, GREY.
HA!
WELL, LET'S GET TO THE BIG FINISH THEN GATHER YOUR STRENGTH AND COME AT ME ONE LAST TIME!
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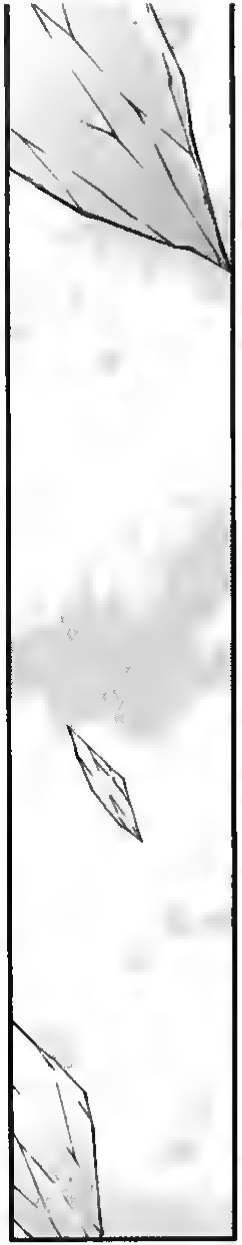
GREY...THE LAST THING I NEED IN THIS LIFE...

...IS
PERMISSION
TO TEAR OUT
YOUR GODDAM
HEART!


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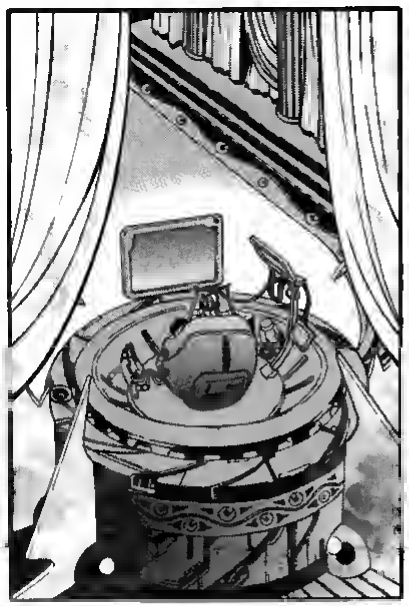
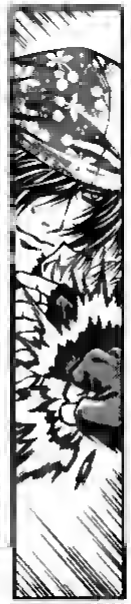
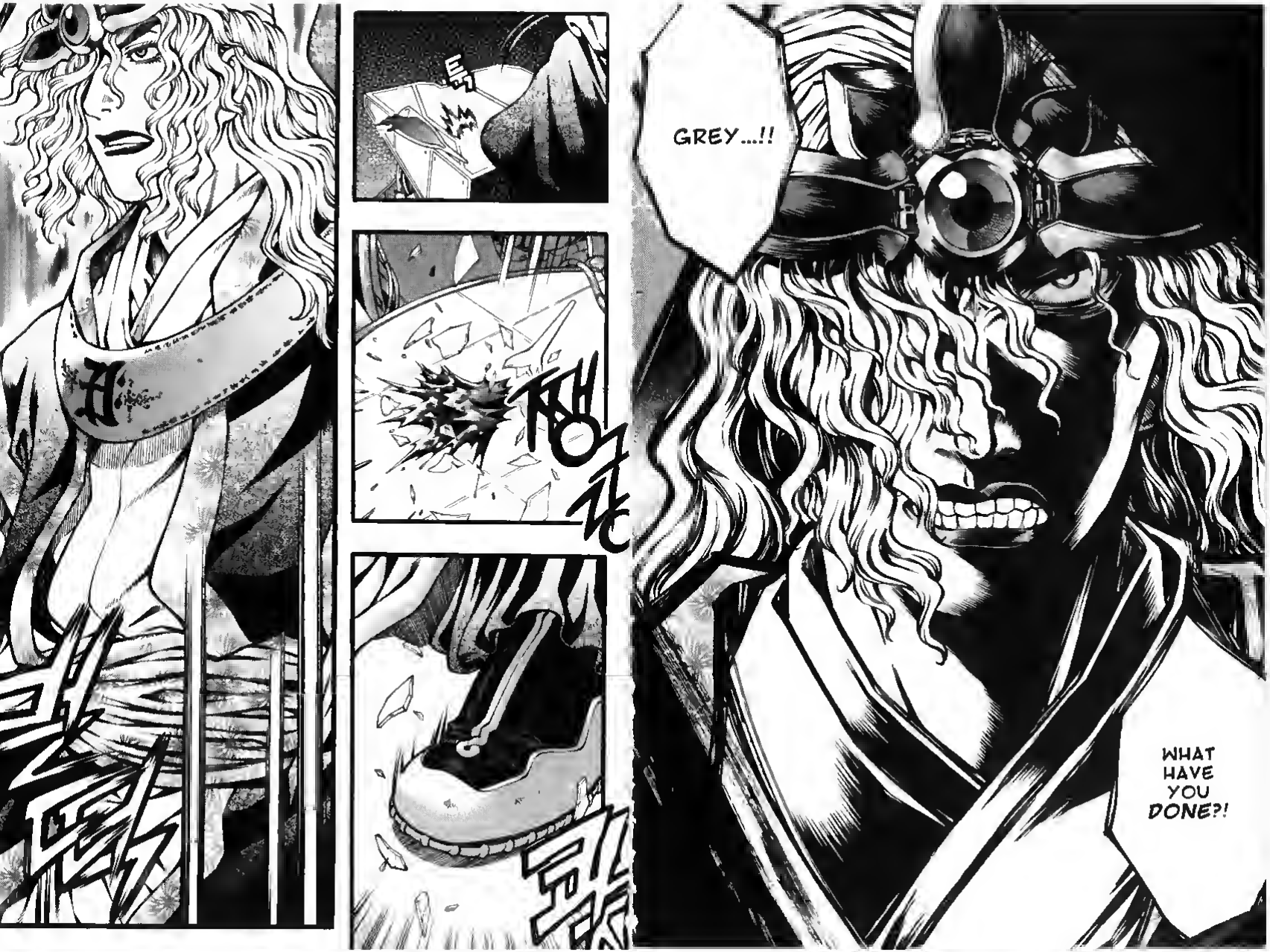
WHY DOES HE TOY WITH HIM?

...WHAT ARE YOU...
...WAITING FOR...?

...UNLESS...
NO!!






GREY...!!
WHAT HAVE YOU DONE?!

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THERE IS NO INTENT TO KILL IN YOUR OFFENSIVE...
WHAT GAME IS THIS?
DESHWITAT... THERE ARE SOME THINGS...
...A MAN SHOULD FIND OUT ON HIS OWN!
UGK!

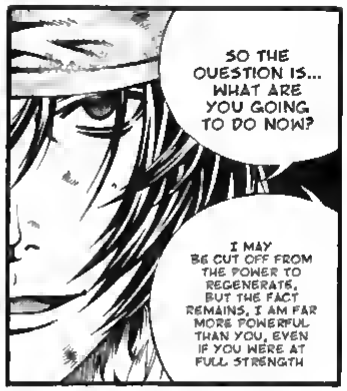
IT'S ALMOST AT MAXIMUM POWER!
ERICA, FOCUS ALL YOUR STRENGTH ON DIRECTING THE FLOW!
YES!

BROTHERS! FOCUS THE POWER AS WE DISCUSSED!
GUIDE THE POWER, BUT LET IT FLOW UNHINDERED!
WE PRAISE YOU, GOD OF ISRAEL--
YOU HAVE LOOKED AFTER YOUR PEOPLE, REDEEMING THEM AND RAISING THE HOUSE OF DAVID, YOUR SERVANT--
YOU ARE HOLY! YOU ARE HOLY! YOU ARE HOLY! MY GOD, ALL POWERFUL ONE!!
YOU WHO HAS BEEN, IS, AND WILL BE--!!
OUR GOD WHO ART IN HEAVEN, HALLOWED BE THY NAME...

IS--IS IT WORKING?!

WAAAH!
WHAT'S THAT?!
SOMETHING'S WRONG WITH THE PROTECTIVE SOURCE!
PROTECTIVE PROTECTIVE SOURCE...?!
.....
I DON'T KNOW WHAT THIS IS, BUT I HOPE YOU KNOW WHAT YOU'RE DOING, GREY
...AND I HOPE YOU UNDERSTAND THE CONSEQUENCES

YOU ARE LUCKY TO HAVE SUCH TRUSTWORTHY FRIENDS, DESHWITAT.
IT SEEMS THEY WERE SUCESSFUL IN STRENGTHENING THE PROTECTIVE SOURCE


SO THE QUESTION IS... WHAT ARE YOU GOING TO DO NOW?
I MAY BE CUT OFF FROM THE POWER TO REGENERATE, BUT THE FACT REMAINS, I AM FAR MORE POWERFUL THAN YOU, EVEN IF YOU WERE AT FULL STRENGTH

WHAT DO YOU THINK I'M GOING TO DO, BASTARD?!

THIS IS THE MOMENT I'VE BEEN WAITING FOR!!

THIS IS MY ONE CHANCE!
AH... STRAIGHT TO THE HEART OF THE MATTER...

GOT TO GIVE THIS EVERYTHING I'VE GOT...
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Chapter 82:
Holy Mother of Light

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URK Y'KNOW... THIS HURTS A LOT MORE
...THAN I EXPECTED...
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HUFF...
HUFF...
HUFF...

...OOH ..
NO WAY...
HE DID IT!
WE ARE GOING TO LIVE NOW! WE ARE GOING TO LIVE!
SUICIDE...?
ALL OF THIS...THIS TROUBLE... TO COMMIT SUICIDE?!
WHAT ARE YOU STANDING THERE FOR? KILL HIM NOW!!
YES!! KILL HIM NOW!
KILL HIM!!
KILL HIM!!

THERE'S SOMETHING I WANT TO KNOW BEFORE I FINISH YOU OFF...
THERE'S NO MORE POINT IN LYING. NO MORE SECRETS
WHY? WHY ALL THIS? THE PRETENSE OF KILLING ME, ALLOWING ME TO STRIKE THE FATAL BLOW? WHAT WAS IT ALL FOR?
HEH. A FEW...DAYS AGO...I HEARD ABOUT YOUR PAST...FROM MILLENEAR

AFTER I HEARD THAT...
...IT SEEMED.. YOU AND I... HAD A LOT MORE IN COMMON... THAN ONE MIGHT THINK.

WHAT THE HELL DOES THAT MEAN?

LISTEN.
I CAME UP WITH A HYPOTHESIS... WELL, A GUESS REALLY... BUT I FELT THAT IT MUST BE TRUE.

BUT ONLY ONE COULD EVER VERIFY IF MY GUESS WAS RIGHT. SO I NEEDED TO ASK HER. PROBLEM IS.. SHE'S NOT EXACTLY "ACCESSIBLE," YA KNOW..? HRRGK!
SO I FIGURED. WHAT BETTER WAY TO GET HER TO COME TO ME THAN TO PUT THE TWO PEOPLE I FIGURED SHE LOVES MOST IN DANGER?
YOU AND I...

...?!

I PUSHED YOU TO THE EDGE BUT REGRETFULLY, TO NO RESPONSE WONDER WHY THAT IS..?
SO...PLAN B. I HAD TO PUT MY LIFE IN DANGER.

DO YOU REMEMBER WHAT I SAID, DESHWITAT?
IF EVERYTHING GOES AS I PLANNED, THE HOLY MOTHER OF LIGHT WILL DESCEND TO THIS STADIUM

THE REST-- HRCHKK.. Y-YOU CAN SEE FOR YOURSELF.

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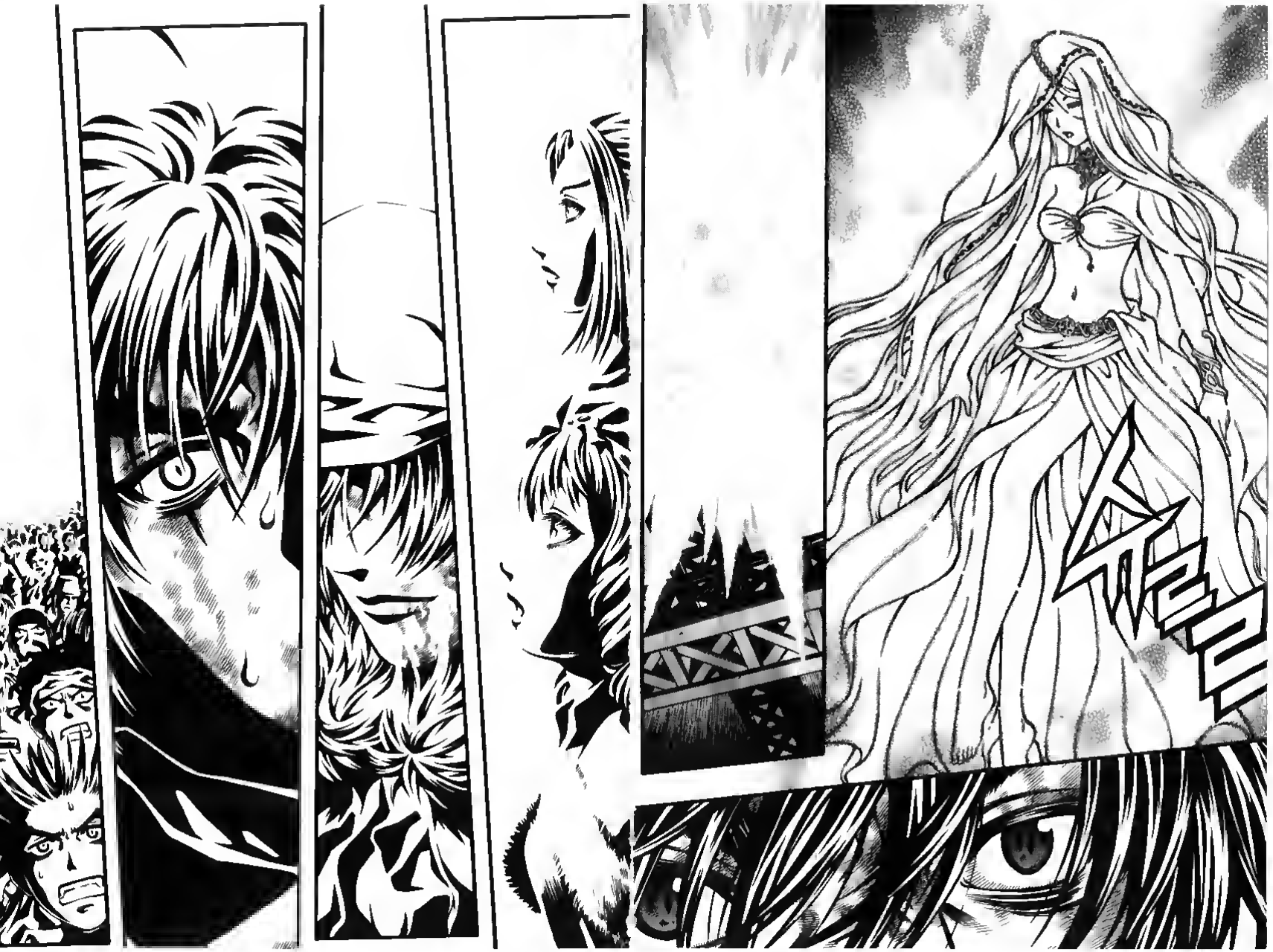
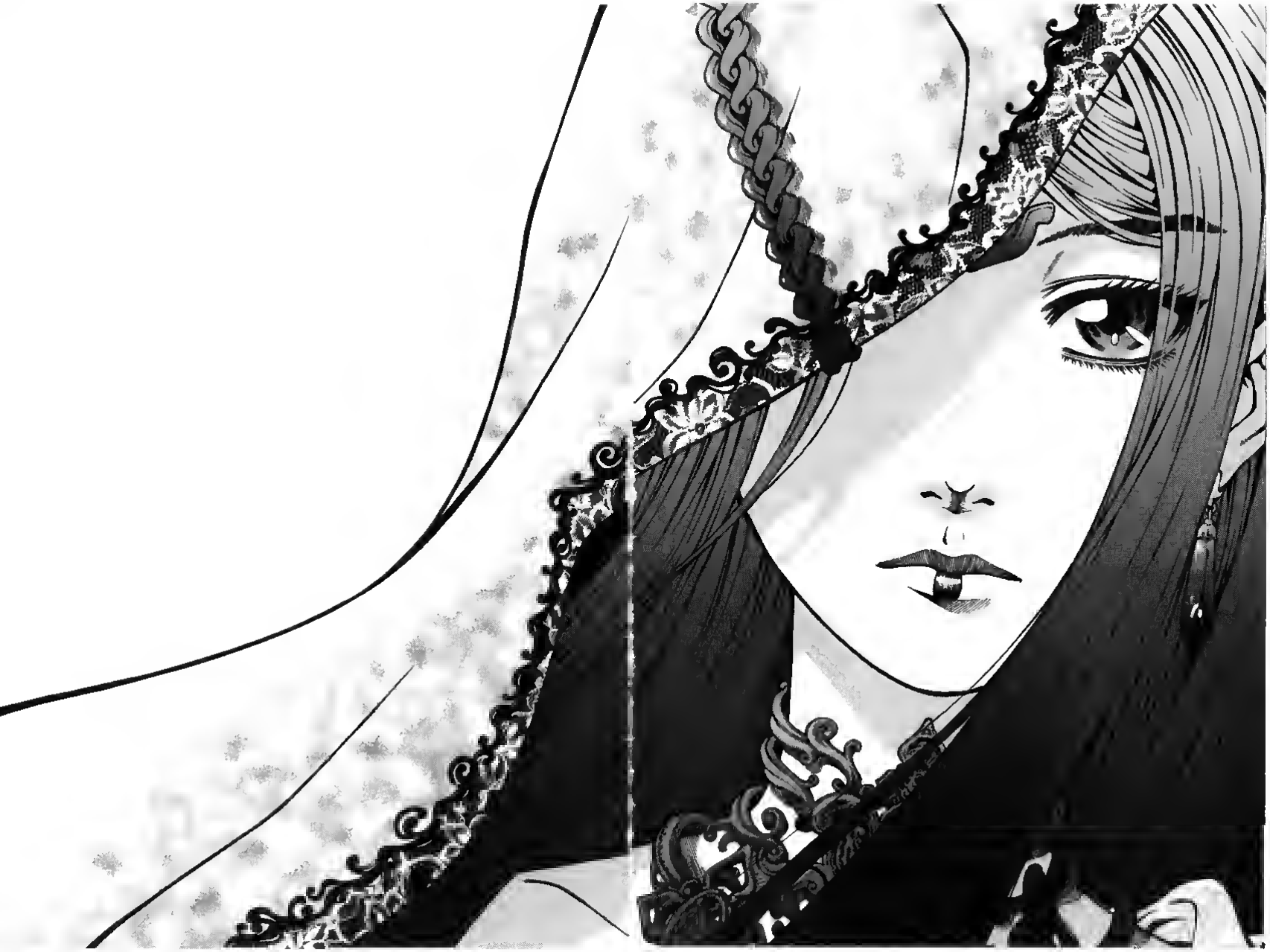
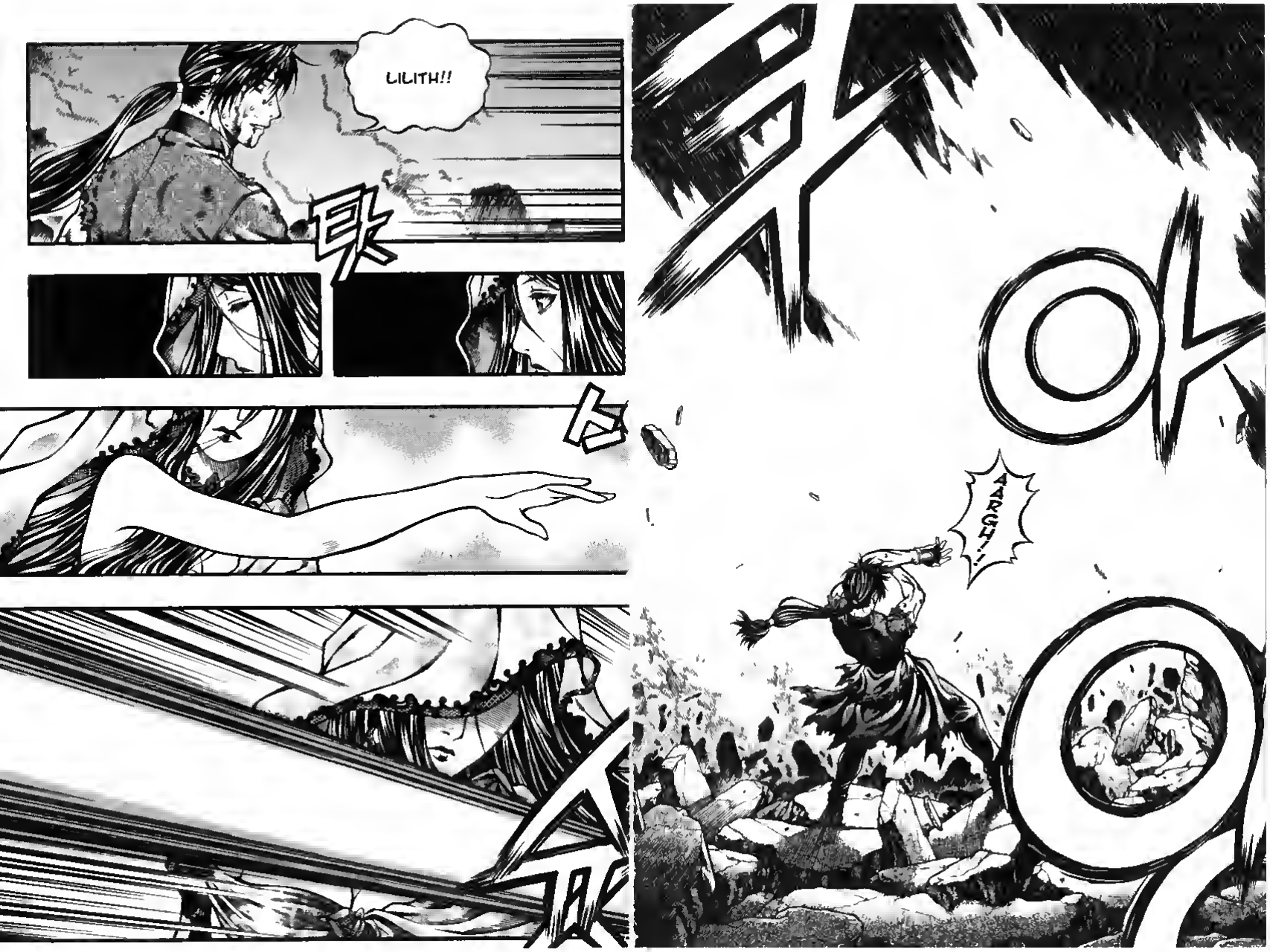




IT...IT CAN'T BE...!
LILITH?!


LILITH!!
ARGH!!

LILITH...
WHAT...?
WHY...?
WHAT... WHAT ARE YOU DOING...?!
LILITH...?

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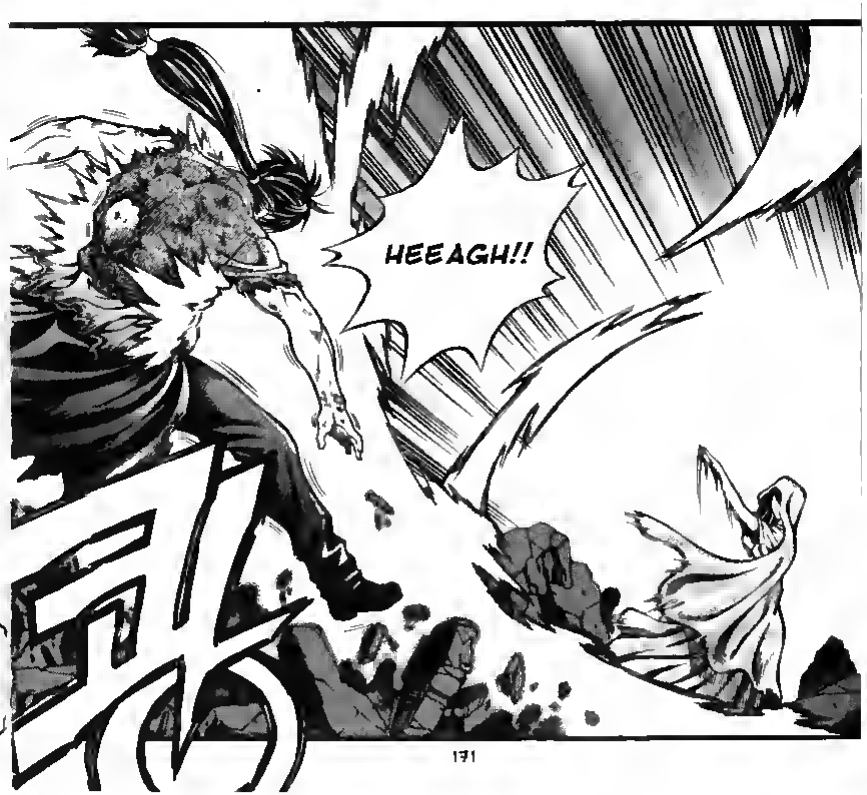
IT'S ME, LILITH! IT'S DESHWITAT!! DON'T YOU REMEMBER...?!

IF YOU DO NOT WISH TO BE HURT FURTHER, YOU WILL BACK AWAY, DESHWITAT

...?!

LILITH?! WHAT HAPPENED?! WHAT DID KAL DO TO YOU...?!
YOU CAN'T HAVE FORGOTTEN ME! ALMOST 400 YEARS IN DARKNESS, AND I NEVER FORGOT YOU!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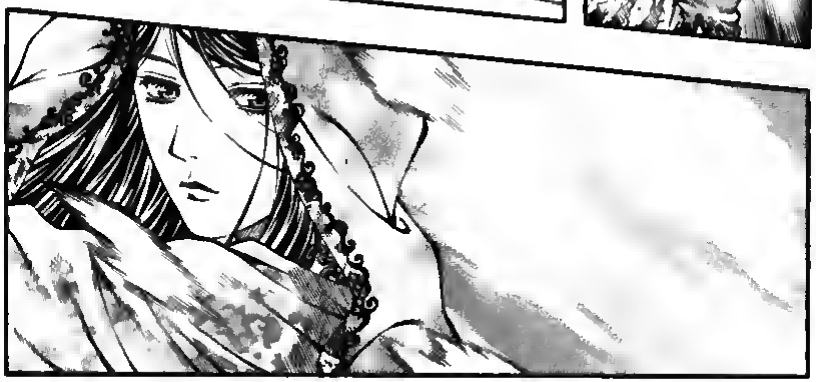

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...HA...
...HA HA... HA...

HA HA
...HA HA HA HA...
HA...

I KNEW... SOMEHOW...
...THAT YOU AND I WOULD MEET AGAIN, LILITH. NOT LIKE THIS, BUT...

I KNEW.
NOW YOU'RE HERE. AND I DON'T KNOW WHAT TO DO...TO SAY...

EVEN THOUGH I PLAYED THIS OUT IN MY MIND A THOUSAND TIMES..
BUT THERE'S PLENTY OF TIME FOR TALK.
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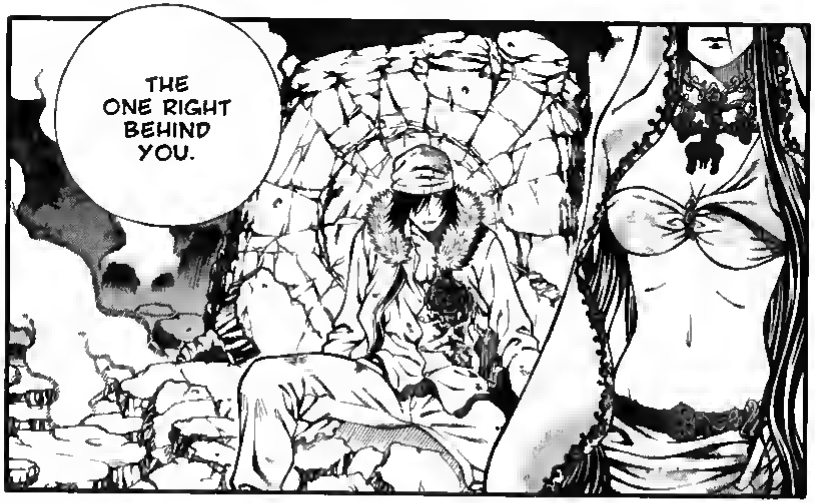
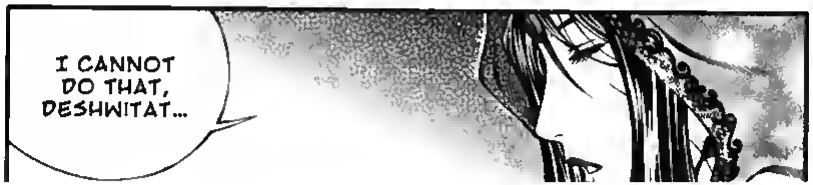
FIRST, MOVE ASIDE.
THERE'S SOMEONE I HAVE TO FINISH OFF.


THE ONE RIGHT BEHIND YOU.


I CANNOT DO THAT, DESHWITAT...

IS THAT SO ? I DON'T PRETEND TO KNOW WHAT'S HAPPENED TO YOU, MY LOVE. BUT I KNOW ONE THING CONSIDERING THE POWER YOU DISPLAYED WHEN YOU PUSHED ME AWAY JUST NOW
EVEN IF I USE ALL MY POWER AGAINST GREY WITH YOU STANDING NEXT TO HIM...
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...YOU WON'T BE HURT!!

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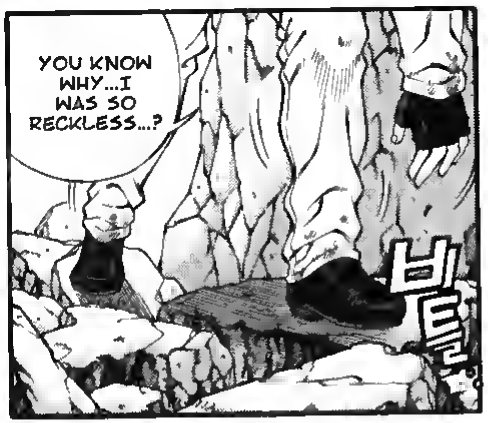
WHY... DO YOU STOP ME, LILITH?

UHH....

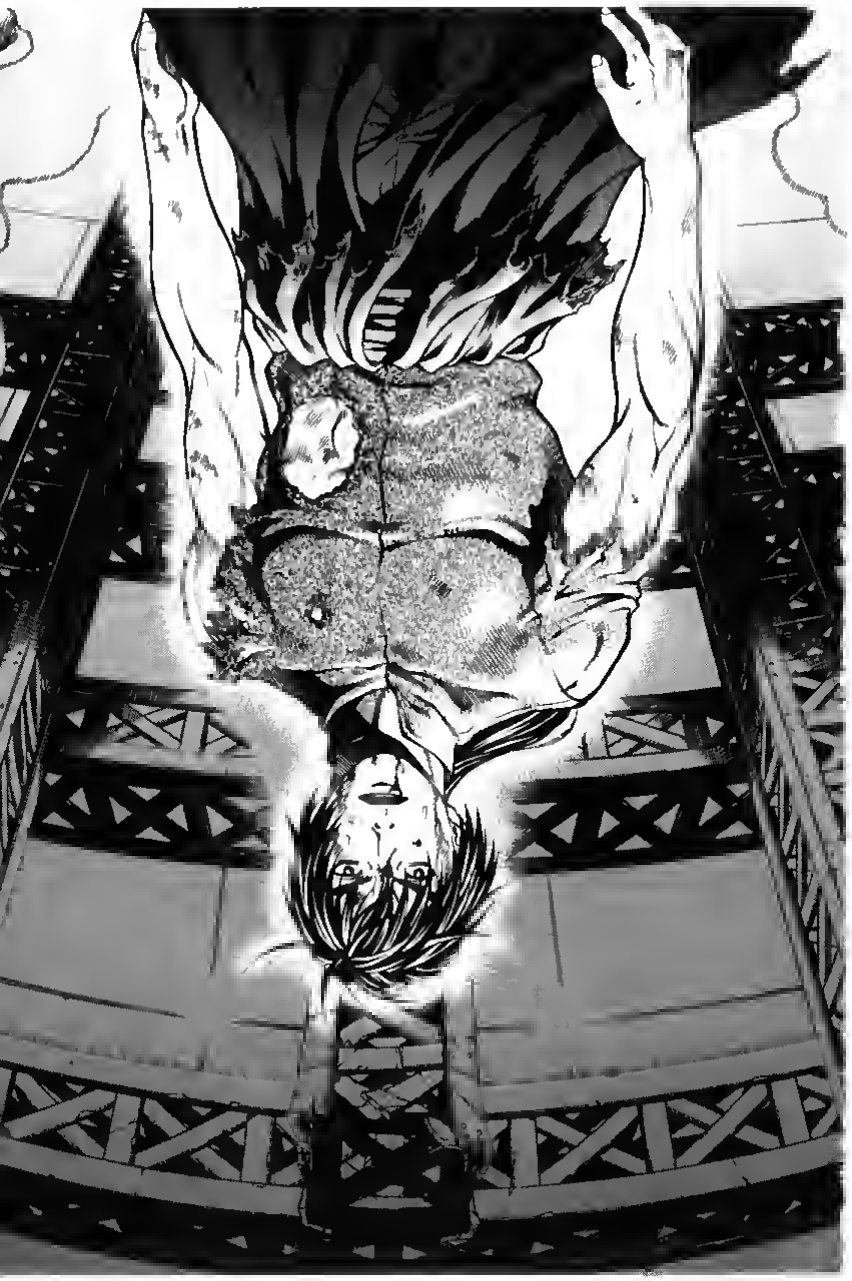
YOU'RE LATE...
BUT BETTER LATE... THAN NEVER...I SUPPOSE.

YOU WERE RECKLESS, GREY.


YOU KNOW WHY...I WAS SO RECKLESS...?

LILITH... WHY DO YOU...

TIME TO TELL HIM THE TRUTH... MOTHER.



MOTHER?!

HIGH TIME FOR AN EXPLANATION... MOMMY DEAREST
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FINALLY... YOU CAN EXPLAIN... THE TRUTH...
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AFTER THE DEADLINE

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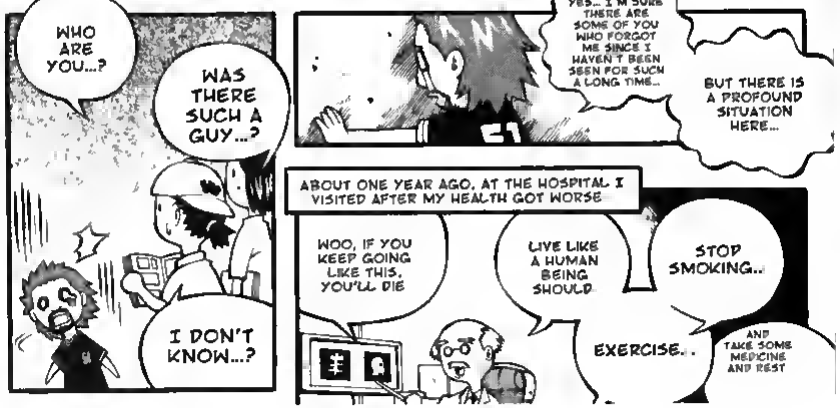
Revival! Woo stands on the ground!


WHO ARE YOU...?
WAS THERE SUCH A GUY...?
I DON'T KNOW...?
YES... I'M SURE THERE ARE SOME OF YOU WHO FORGOT ME SINCE I HAVEN'T BEEN SEEN FOR SUCH A LONG TIME...
BUT THERE IS A PROFOUND SITUATION HERE...
ABOUT ONE YEAR AGO, AT THE HOSPITAL I VISITED AFTER MY HEALTH GOT WORSE
WOO, IF YOU KEEP GOING LIKE THIS, YOU'LL DIE
LIVE LIKE A HUMAN BEING SHOULD
STOP SMOKING..
EXERCISE..
AND TAKE SOME MEDICINE AND REST

..EITHER WAY, SINCE I DON'T WANT TO DIE.. I SPENT DAYS OF SELF-DENIAL ALONG WITH MY TREATMENT

EXERCISE

DIET

QUITTING SMOKING

...?!

(QUITTING SMOKING WAS ONE THING I FAILED AT...) AT THE END OF A LONG TIME OF REVIVAL REGIMENT!

IT'S NOT ENOUGH TO CALL IT COMPLETE, BUT TO CERTAIN DEGREE...

REVIVAL!!

NOW WHEN I GO BACK TO MY BATTLEGROUND..

WE'LL BE SAD IF YOU FORGET US!

HE "THE DARK SHADOW"?!

BUR-CHU-YAP-SAP?!

HEE!

WEIGHT LOSS FAILURE GB?!

DID YOU ALL RETURN FOR ME!?!

REASSEMBLY OF REBIRTH PRODUCTION TEAM.

I APOLOGIZE FOR BEING ABSENT FOR SUCH A LONG TIME.

AND, THANK YOU FOR WAITING FOR US!!

WE WILL GATHER STRENGTH AGAIN TO RUN TOWARDS COMPLETION!

-REBIRTH PRODUCTION TEAM-

May the force be with you..

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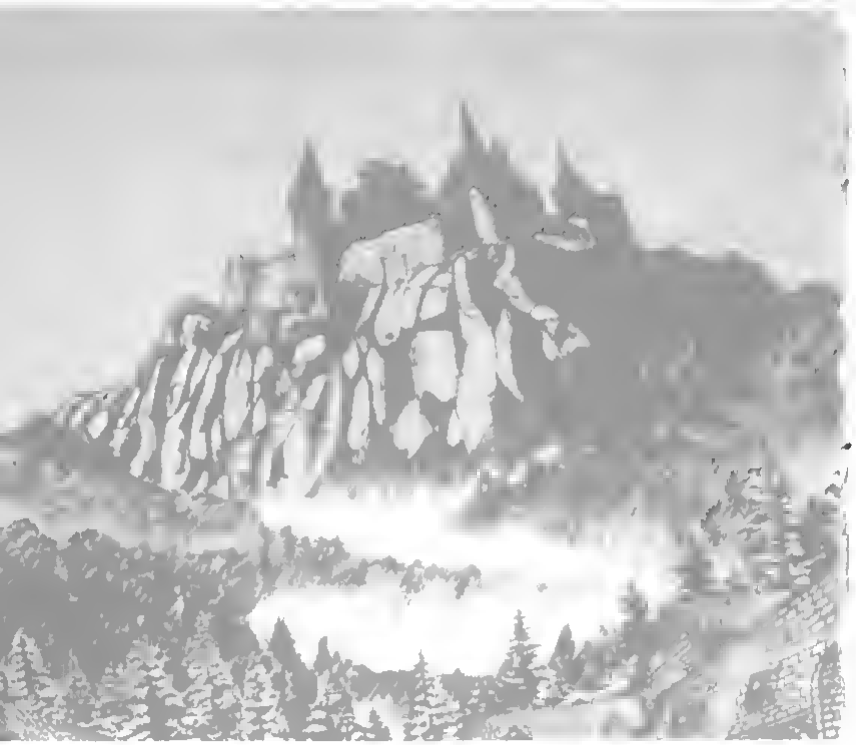

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